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War Office Releases Brooke-Popham's Despatches  
'Under-Estimate'  
Of Japanese

London, Jan. 22. Six years after the event, the first official despatch on the operations in Malaya, giving a partial explanation of the loss, 10 weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbour, of the great naval base of Singapore, was released by the War Office today.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East from Oct. 17, 1940, to Dec. 27, 1941, whose 40,000-word despatch is published today, declared that in the defence of Malaya there was "an under-estimate of the power of the Japanese to attack several places simultaneously," and an "under-estimate of the Japanese Army and Air Force."

Sir Robert's report is due to be followed within the next few weeks by the despatch of Lt. Gen. Arthur Ernest Percival, General Officer Commanding, Malaya, when Singapore fell.

His 120,000 word "inside story" of this historic defeat was said to have been held up by consultations between Britain and Australia as Australian troops were involved.

Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham disclosed that, till the end of November, 1941, British war chiefs did not believe that Japan might be actually on the verge of starting war.

As a result of their crippling blow at the United States Fleet at Pearl Harbour, he added, Japanese command of the sea from the outset was "greater than we had ever anticipated."

"We were, in fact, fighting under conditions of which the

Empire had little previous experience."

Sir Robert cited these points on which the Japanese Army and Air Force proved to have been under-estimated:

1.—Their disregard of weather conditions, especially their ability to land on beaches in bad weather.

2.—Their mobility — "the Japanese Army was able to operate with less mechanical transport than ours and so was less dependent upon roads."

3.—The individual initiative of the Japanese soldier.

4.—The performance of the Japanese "Zero" naval fighting plane, which had "remarkably good" speed and manoeuvrability at heights of 10,000 feet and over.

5.—The rapidity with which repairs were carried out, in particular of Singapore aerodrome.

## Army Morale Poor

Referring to the "factors affecting the morale of our forces," the despatch said: "The majority of the Indian regiments laboured under some disability on account of the inexperience of most of their British officers."

"As a rule, there would be two or three senior officers, with 15 or more years' experience, until we came down to officers who had joined after September, 1939. Somewhere about half of these officers had experience in India and could talk the language, but having only one to two and a half years' service, they did not exert the weight which more experienced officers would have done."

"In both British and Indian units, there was only a small leaven of war-experienced officers and men, and it was under these conditions that young soldiers had to meet the first shock of the Japanese attack."

A factor which had some effect on morale generally in the Malayan campaign was that "strategically we were on the defensive."

"The adverse effect induced by having to carry out a continuous retreat over some hundreds of miles starting from the early days of the campaign must be attributed to the general situation rather than to any fault in the original morale of the troops themselves," Sir Robert said.

"It is possible, however, that the need for offensive action, even during a retreat, had not been so stressed during the training of officers and men as to become second nature."

Minister in Bangkok, Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, later Chairman of the Far Eastern War Council, and the two Commanders-in-Chief, to discuss the situation.

The meeting was generally sceptical of a Japanese attack, for several reasons. "The first was a general one, namely, that if the Japanese had intended to attack Malaya, they would have been more likely to have done so in 1940, when our forces were far weaker than they were at the end of 1941. Then the winter months, Dec. to Feb., were less favourable for an expedition against the east coast of Malaya and the Kra Isthmus than other periods of the year owing to the North-East Monsoon.

"Finally, there was the visit of Kurosawa to Washington.

Resources Short

"But at the time, it seemed to us in Singapore that this was a genuine attempt on the part of the Japanese to get a relaxation of the restrictions that had been imposed, and possibly to drive a wedge between Britain and the United States."

The details given in the Air Chief Marshal's despatch made it clear, however, that the resources of his command fell short even of the limited military estimates.

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## THREE MILES FROM HOME -- TRAGEDY

Lincoln, Jan. 22. With only three miles to fly to reach base a Wellington bomber, returning from a cross-country exercise, crashed in a field at Norton Disney about ten miles from here today and the crew of three were killed.

The pilot was a pilot officer due for passing out at the completion of the trip. One of the other men killed — a Warrant Officer — was married only three weeks ago.—*Reuter*.

## H.K. AS URANIUM SHIPPER!

Shanghai, Jan. 22. A report from Washington that uranium, which was recently discovered in China, is finding its way to Russia through Hong Kong quarters is regarded here as fantastic.

One authoritative source said: "You cannot go out and pick up uranium from the ground. It is quite a process in getting what makes atom bombs from what we get from the ground."

He added it is true that uranium was reported to have been found in Kwangsi Province, near Kweilin, but, he said, all uranium deposits are nationalised and under Government supervision and protection and all known sources are closely guarded.

A foreign source said: "It is a very slick piece of business in getting uranium ore mined, processed and shipped from China to Hong Kong, and from aboard a Soviet ship, I do not believe it."—*United Press*.

"The appeal pointed out that the will of the Vietnamese people has been sufficiently and clearly expressed — independence and unity for Vietnam with her

own army, foreign diplomatic representation, and above all, her own economy and finance."

Ready To Fight

"So long as we are deprived of our economic and financial freedom — vitally essential for our national existence — our independence remains a myth," declared the appeal, adding that both the question of diplomatic representation and that of national defence are closely bound up with our freedom in economy.

The appeal concluded: "Let us be ready to fight a fight which we wish at the moment to restrict within the diplomatic arena — for the triumph of our national cause."

The appeal was sent by Mr. Luu in his capacity as leader of the Vietnam Popular Movement.

Mr. Luu said that he appreciated the fact that independent Vietnam would need assistance from France; therefore France would be entitled to certain preferential treatment.

Cabled Appeal

As a result of the meeting, Mr. Luu yesterday cabled an appeal to the people of Vietnam to unite their ranks and stand solidly behind Bao Dai in his demand for complete independence for the nation.

"Vietnam is entering a new stage in her history. Following the conversations with the French in Geneva, which were preceded by preliminary talks in the Baie d'Along, negotiations will continue on Feb. 13, 1948, in Indo-China territorial waters," said the appeal.

It stressed that "these negotiations will be decisive," and urged the people to stand firm in their demands.

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## Vietnam Critical Of French Plan

The four-point proposal for the independence of Indo-China, reportedly made at Geneva to ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam by M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, was yesterday strongly criticised by Mr. Luu Duc Trung, leader of the Vietnam Popular Movement.

Mr. Luu, also accredited spokesman for Bao Dai in Hong Kong, said that the proposal was inconsistent with the demands of the people of Vietnam (Indo-China) for complete independence and France's repeated assurance that Vietnam will have independence within the French Union.

He disclosed that an emergency meeting of Vietnamese political leaders and representatives of Vietnamese political groups in China, Siam and Japan was called a few days ago in Hong Kong.

At this meeting the demands of the Vietnamese people were again emphasised and reiterated. All the delegates unanimously reaffirmed their determination to stand behind Bao Dai in a single bloc and support him in the fight for real independence.

Mr. Luu yesterday hinted that the various political, cultural and religious factions in Indo-China will unite in a single front to carry on the fight for complete independence if the reported four-point proposal is the final French offer to the Vietnam people.

Shanghai, Jan. 22. FREE-FOR-ALLS FEATURED THE VOTING AT TWO BOOTHS IN YESTERDAY'S BALLOTING HERE FOR LEGISLATIVE YUAN CANDIDATES.

In the Yangtze district, a fight occurred when a group of volunteer policemen pulled out guns in trying to "convince" a large number of voters hailing from North Kiangsu to vote for a certain candidate, according to the China Press.

The voters refused to comply and a general melee started when they attempted to snatch the policemen's guns.

At another booth, a supervisor was beaten up when he refused tickets to a group of "voters" who did not possess the requisite residents' certificates.—*Reuter*.

Foreigners On Trial

Shanghai, Jan. 22. Preparations have been completed for an early trial before the district court of 17 gold and foreign exchange black market suspects arrested last week, including three foreigners.

The three foreigners are Mr. Chafik Matouk, Syrian manager of the firm bearing his name, and two Russian emigrants, Eugene Shihoff and Miss Natalia Yavovloff, all of whom are at present out on bail.

It is revealed that the prosecution of the suspects will be based on Article 1 of the emergency economic regulations governing the penalty for transactions in gold and foreign currencies.—*Reuter*.

New Governor Of Taiwan?

Canton, Jan. 22. The Chinese press reported that Gen. Pai Chung-hai had recommended to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek that Gen. Chang Fa-kwei, former head of the Generalissimo's Headquarters in Canton, be appointed Governor of Taiwan to succeed Gen. Wei Tsiang, who is reported to have submitted his resignation.

Gen. Wei was reported to have been wanting to resign for some time. However, reports from Taipei, capital of Taiwan, say there has been no suggestion that Gen. Chang would succeed Gen. Wei.—*United Press*.

Joe's Personal Appearance

London, Jan. 22. Marshal Stalla appeared in public tonight for the first time since reports early this month that he was ill, when he attended a Lenin memorial meeting at the Moscow House, Bowditch, where Radio reported.—*Reuter*.

## MATRON GETS GAOL TERM

London, Jan. 22. Miss Dorran Lillian Dorren Abern. 34-year-old nursing home matron, who harboured an escaped convict, Alice Canning Keston, was at Old Bailey today sentenced to 18 months imprisonment. For ration book offences she was fined £20.

Derek Curtis-Bennett, K. C. in a final plea for the defence, said Miss Abern would lose her London County Council licence and her work would go. The view might be taken that she had brought enough punishment on herself.

The judge told Abern: "You, by your conduct, enabled a convicted man to be free for a very long period."—*Reuter*.

Tito Has His Own Atomic Bomb

TRIESTE, JAN. 21. LA VOCE LIBERA QUOTED THE YUGOSLAV PREMIER, MARSHAL TITO, AS TELLING YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST LEADERS, "WE SHALL USE OUR OWN ATOMIC BOMB IN ANY FUTURE CONFLICT FOR THE FINAL ANNIHILATION OF REACTION."

(A version published by the pro-Gaulle French weekly "Dissemination" quoted Tito as saying, "war against the Anglo-Americans is inevitable. It is perhaps even a question of weeks.")

(However, Pierre G. S. Dumas, assistant editor in chief of "Dissemination," said he is convinced Tito never made the speech. Dumas said he hopes to print a denial in his next issue. He said the story first was published in the Swiss newspaper "Vaterland" of Lucerne on Nov. 19 and was later used by "Dissemination" in good faith. Dumas said reports from Balkan correspondents convinced him the report was a fabrication.)—*Associated Press*.

Soldiers Out In Dublin

Dublin, Jan. 22. A Police Superintendent was fatally injured and the military were called out to search for the men after a miniature battle at a house in Lower Mount Street, Dublin, today.

The dead officer is Chief Superintendent Sean Gantly, who was leading a search near a foundry workshop, a number of shots were fired and he collapsed with pellets in the back.

Later, William Laverty, stated to have been wounded in "the battle," appeared in a Dublin Police Court and was remanded on a charge of breaking out of prison last December.—*Reuter*.

No Improvements

Brussels, Jan. 22. Secretary General Trygve Lie dismissed as "nonsense" published reports that Paris has been chosen as the 1948 site of the UN General Assembly. Lie is examining Belgium's facilities.—*Associated Press*.

Lutherans Escape In Donkey Cart

Shanghai, Jan. 22. Six Lutheran American missionaries evacuated from Chengchow on the Yellow River by a mission plane after making their way secretly on foot and by mule and donkey cart to the Nationalist-held city on Tuesday.

Two of them—Rev. Ralph Benson and Dr. Arthur Colberg hid under a stack of straw in a peasant's cart and passed through a group of unarmoured Communist cavalrymen in their escape to Chengchow.

Two missionaries still remain in the Communist communities of Kiangsu and Yuhai. They are Miss Anna S. Olson and Miss Thyra Lawson.

Dr. Daniel Nelson, of the Lutheran Mission Headquarters here, said he had "refused" to stay, but it was not yet clear whether he was being held by the Reds or had already escaped.—*Associated Press*.

## SCANDAL AT KOWLOON WAR CRIMES TRIAL

With their living allowances suspended since Dec. 5 last year, Japanese defence counsel and interpreters attached to the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court have been almost starving while carrying out their duties.

The living allowances were suspended on Dec. 5 when responsibility for defence counsel and interpreters shifted from British to Australian control.

To make ends meet, the Japanese have had to sell clothing, the odd watch or two, and other personal effects to buy certain essentials to maintain their health.

On Wednesday, they made a joint application to the Court asking for an adjournment of the case in which they are engaged until their allowances are re-instated.

The Court declined an adjournment but assured the applicants that their complaint would be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities in Melbourne.

Irony of the situation is that the Court is now trying 17 other Japanese on charges of starvation and ill-treatment of Allied P.O.W.s.

The application presented to the Court on Wednesday follows:—

Financial Crisis

"If it pleases the Court at this point I wish to make an application on behalf of Counsel for defence and the interpreters attached to the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court.

"Your Honour and other Officers of this Court are well aware of our very difficult financial situation for, already our allowances here have been suspended since Dec. 5 last year.

"Naturally, all of us are confronted with a very serious financial crisis. Nevertheless, we have tried to carry out our duty before the Court, working under very difficult conditions and mental strain since the beginning of this trial on Jan. 5.

"There are two reasons why we have continued to carry out our duties until now. One reason is that we did not wish to cause any undue inconvenience to the witnesses called by the prosecution from Australia. We thought it was our duty to carry out the work until the evidence of such witnesses have been completed.

"The other reason why we waited until now to make this application is because we hoped and expected improvements to our financial situation in the not too distant future.

"However, at this stage after the examination of the witnesses, it has been made clear to us that there would be no improvements in the near future.

"It is a well-known fact that our duties here require brainwork causing much mental strain and fatigue. With the mental and physical strain with which we are faced at present, we feel that should any intellectual decline result, we will

not be able to carry out the duties of a good defending counsel causing much disadvantage to the accused.

"Moreover, we feel that if we do not carry out our duties to the utmost, it would cause much injustice before the Court.

"Therefore, in the above circumstances I wish to beg the favour of the Court to adjourn the trial until our position is improved and our allowances re-instated."

French Seize Red Paper

Paris, Jan. 22. It was revealed today that the French Police last night seized the Russian-language weekly newspaper, "The Soviet Patriot," after publication of an order banning the paper in accordance with the Decree of the "Soviet Patriots League."

Four thousand copies due to appear tomorrow were seized.—*United Press*.

Manila Stands No Nonsense

Manila, Jan. 22. More than 100 stall-holders in the Divisoria and Quinta markets here will be evicted tomorrow, both the Supreme Court and the Court of First Instance rejected the Chinese petitions for an injunction to halt the eviction proceedings.

The High Court yesterday turned down the petition of more than 400 alien stall-holders, the majority of whom were Chinese, for consideration of the previous ruling, denying their plea to stay the order.

At the same time, the City Court refused to issue a writ of injunction but allowed oral hearings, which were to have taken place this afternoon.

The Chinese petitions alleged that the eviction order was unconstitutional. They asked, in addition to the writ of injunction, an order of prohibition, permanently restraining the Government from evicting them.

Meanwhile, Mr. Alejandro Santos, the city market administrator, has set Jan. 26 as the last day for aliens to vacate the city markets.—*Reuter*.

CENTRAL MARKET CASE

The "China Mail" understands that over 50 stall licensees at Central Market were detained by the police yesterday morning. It is reported that the men, some of whom have been released on bail, will appear in Court this morning.

The Weather

General situation—The anti-cyclone over Mongolia is increasing in intensity and spreading S.W. over N. China. The ridge extends from it across Japan to the Pacific. A shallow depression is stationary over S.W. China, while a small depression is developing to the West of Shanghai and will move E.N.E.

Gradient very slight, over the China Sea and Philippines.

Forecast—Moderate east wind, turning to S.E. with bright intervals after morning mist. Mild.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 83.9 deg. Fah. Minimum: 69.9 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 7.7 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—30.7 mm. (1.21 in.) as against an average of 16.6 mm. (0.65 in.)

Readings at—

Boro. at 8 a.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m.

Equal: 64.9 64.9 64.9 64.9

Rel. Humidity: 85 85 85 85

Dew Point: 52 52 52 52

Wind: Direction: 45 45 45 45

Wind: Force: 15 15 15 15

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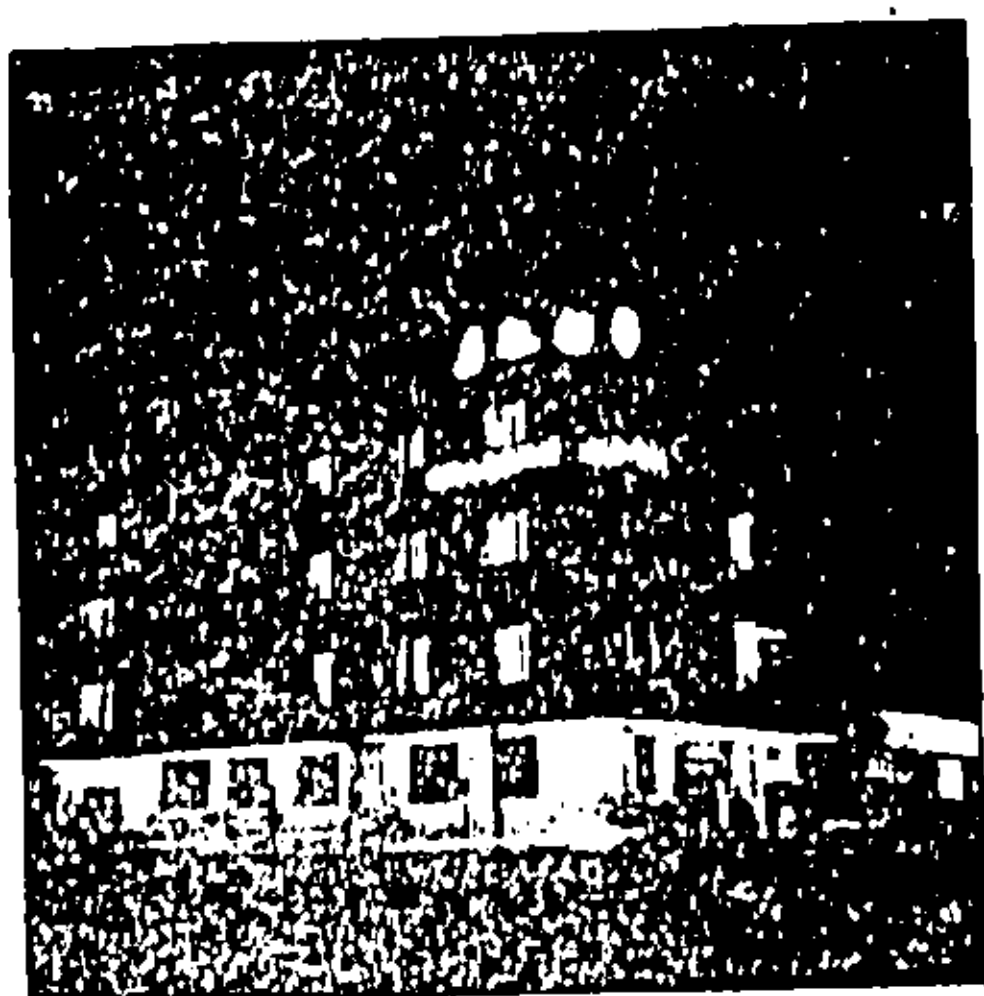


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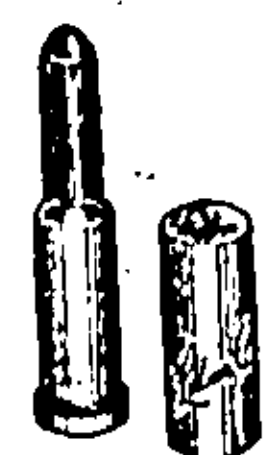
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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1948.

Saturday, 24th January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through numbers for the fourth day, Saturday, 24th January (11 races \$22-) may be obtained at the office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.  
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all bills etc. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

BY ORDER,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Actg. Secretary.

## HKVDC COMMANDANT'S STORY AT ITO TRIAL DECAPITATIONS OF BRITONS

Colonel L. T. Ride, Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., who testified at the War Crimes Court yesterday at the resumed hearing of the trial of Lt. Gen. Ito Takeo, related how, in the course of a tour of the Island after the surrender, he came across the bayoneted bodies of British Servicemen with hands and wrists tied. In some cases, the men had been decapitated.

The first witness yesterday morning was Leung Wing-cho, who was employed at the Typhoon Tug reservoir at the time the Japanese came in December, 1941.

He stated that he knew Fleeg and Davidson and saw them seven or eight o'clock on the day the Japanese came. He saw them again the same afternoon at about five or six o'clock.

At dusk he was tied with the cook as were the two Europeans, and taken to a store-room and locked up.

At 8 a.m. the next day the Japanese dragged the Europeans out of the house and they were knocked and kicked about. He never saw them again.

Later some Japanese returned and gave witness an arm band and ordered him to work.

In reply to Major Ormsby witness said that he saw the bodies of the Europeans some seven or eight days later on the beach. The bodies were in a state of decomposition. Their hands were still tied.

L. T. Ride, Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., said that he was in charge of the Hong Kong Field Ambulance at the time of the surrender.

### Dead Bodies

On Dec. 29, he went to certain points on the island as he considered it his duty to collect and attend to any wounded.

He had made repeated attempts to get permission and eventually succeeded on the night of Dec. 28, when a Japanese officer stationed at the University gave him a pass.

On the morning of Dec. 29, he took a field ambulance and some officers and went to Command Headquarters to see Col. Simpson, A.D.M.S. Major Crawford, R.C.A.M.C., his second in command, was one of the officers who went with him.

Col. Simpson agreed with him and came with them. They first went to the No. 2 Advanced dressing station at Wongnei-chong and No. 2 Coy. H. Q. There were no wounded there. Two dead bodies were in the vicinity, Canadian Military H.Q. was quite near.

They went through the gap to Repulse Bay and came across a number of British dead.

They decided to visit the road from Wongnei-chong to the junction of Island Road. There was nothing to indicate that the dead they had seen had died other than in action.

### Hands Tied

They reached the Ridge and at a bridge they saw a number of British Military and Naval dead. They looked for identity discs. Some had none.

One of the dead was Lt. Col. Macpherson of the Ordnance Corps. His face was downwards and his arms behind his back. His head between his arms. The wrists of most of the others had deep bruises and the hands and arms were swollen.

Other bodies were found; none had their wrists tied but had wounds in the back consistent with bayonet wounds.

About 12 bodies were seen lying at the foot of a parapet. They were lying in a heap and from the top it was seen that their hands were still tied.

They visited all the houses. The body of Mr. Tinson was found in his house. The house along the road to the junction of Island Road had dead bodies.

From Island Road they went towards the city westwards and near Deep Water Bay noticed large blood stains on a cutting.

They got out of the Ambulance. The blood stains led to some concrete steps. At the steps were the bodies of six Middlesex soldiers. Their ankles and wrists were tied and they had been decapitated.

### Merchant's Story

Col. Simpson decided that it was dangerous to remain there and proceeded to Aberdeen on the return journey. On the way they way 20 or 30 dead and picked up a wounded man.

J. M. Baud, merchant of French nationality, said that the Japanese entered Repulse Bay Hotel on Dec. 20, and the

residents were marched out and taken to Eucliffe, where a Japanese officer made a speech and told them to return to the Hotel and stay indoors.

While at Eucliffe he saw seven British soldiers kneeling before the door, with hands tied behind their back. They were later marched indoors.

In the dining room of Repulse Bay Hotel he saw them march out one by one to the edge of the cliff and made 20 sit on the grassy slope. He saw a Japanese soldier shoot them one by one from behind. There were seven; some fell down and the others were pushed down.

### Two Parties

He said that he was in command of the right flank force which landed east of North Point and Braemar point. The plan of the divisional commander was to land at 11 p.m. on Dec. 18. The right flank was to advance to Victoria Peak. The left flank was to go to High West and a point was to be reached at dawn between Victoria Peak and High West.

The invasion was made in two parties and they landed half an hour after leaving the Cement Factory and Kai Tak and within 30 seconds of each other. They took Mount Parker and came to Typhoon Reservoir at noon on Dec. 19. They advanced to Stanley Gap which the head of the column reached at 4 p.m. The other invaders attacked Lyemun and reached the position at 7 p.m. and he was then able to have the left flank under his command.

They were behind their schedule.

### Made Speech

The enemy were still at Wongnei-chong Gap and the Japanese could not get through. It was not taken till 10 p.m. Witness therefore had to go south. He sent a platoon first and followed with the rest. The platoon succeeded and went along the east of Repulse Bay Hotel. There was fighting in the Repulse Bay area from Dec. 20 to Dec. 23 and when fire ceased he advanced with his troops to Repulse Bay area and Eucliffe.

Occupation was completed at 4 a.m. on Dec. 23. He did not visit Repulse Bay Hotel but went to Eucliffe and made a speech there later.

There were about 70 to 80 persons from the Hotel. He left the area at 9.30 a.m. and came to the Golf Course at noon.

The battalion which attacked the Hotel area turned east and took Brick Hill on Dec. 22. A midnight attack on a line east of Aberdeen was planned but it was not necessary.

Hearing will be continued at 10 a.m. today and the cross-examination of Tanaka is expected to last two hours.

### FOOD-PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to Jan. 21 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Mr. M.T. Case \$30. Received up to Jan. 15 and already acknowledged \$11,903.59; Total donations received up to Jan. 21 \$31,933.59.

### THE WHISKERS CLUB

In his cell in the Old Tree Toddlie heard the click of a key. "Black Roger again," he muttered, more miserable than ever. How was he to know his visitor was Roger the Crow disguised as Roger?

Outside the Old Tree Whiskers was watching impatiently, hoping to see Snow come out with the second Toddlie. Instead, a postman made him turn and he saw Roger returning from his watch of the Island.



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## FIRST SIKHS FOR POLICE FORCE

A party of 60 Sikhs, all recruits for the local Police Force, arrived from Calcutta yesterday by the s.s. "Wo Sang."

This is the first contingent of Indian police recruits to arrive in the Colony since the liberation.

The men will first undergo training at the Police Training School and will, on graduation, be detailed for duty with the Traffic Department, Central.

## Benevolent Society Disbands

A meeting yesterday of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society decided to disband the body.

The small attendance included Officers of the Society in 1941 when its activities were suspended.

The present were of the opinion that the Society could not resume its operations on the pre-war scale when it undertook extensive benevolent work in rendering assistance in cases of sickness, want, poverty or distress among members of the Colony's communities for whose benefit it had been formed.

The meeting felt that the Society could not now function effectively on the old lines in the changed social conditions arising from the war, and that it could no longer expect the financial support which it had formerly received.

It was therefore decided to suggest to all Life Members still in the Colony that the Society should be disbanded. Members will be asked to indicate whether they agree with this suggestion and to proposals which will be submitted to them for the distribution of the Society's funds.

## CATHEDRAL FUND

The following is a list of donations received up to Jan. 21 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Kwok Kai Shiu \$66.60, "Leo 384" \$30.00, \$96.60; Received up to Jan. 12 and already acknowledged \$12,688.31; Total donations received up to Jan. 21, 1948 \$12,784.91.

## Reminders Today

Gramophone Recital of Classical Music, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Sing-Sing Club Music Group's third concert, St. Stephen's Girls College, 9 p.m.

CBS Parents Association annual general meeting, European YMCA, 5.30 p.m.

"Quiz" Morning & Needlework (Women's Section), European YMCA, 10 a.m.

"Brain Trust" over ZBW, presided by Mr. D. McCullough, 9.10 p.m.

Scottish Dancing, 6 p.m.; Services Dance, 8 p.m.; West

Lounge, European YMCA, Exhibition of Paintings by Chan Man-wei, St. Francis Hotel.

## Coming Events

### TOMORROW

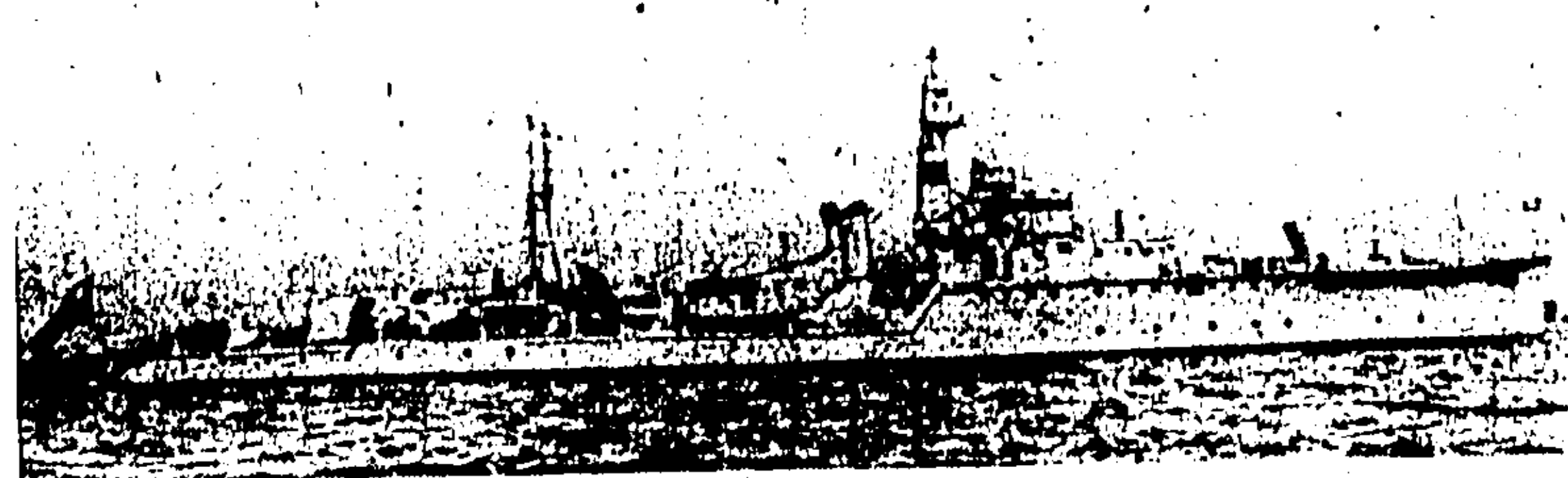
Royal Naval Yard Canteen Buffet Dance, St. John's Ambulance Brigade Halls, Tai Hung Road, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Boys' Scouts Association Bazaar, Murray Parade Ground, 2.30-9 p.m.

Burns Dinner of H.K. St. Andrew's Society, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

"Maulood Sharif" celebration of Birthday of Holy Prophet, Muslim Mosque, Shelly Street, 8 p.m.

## Chinese Destroyer Here



The Chinese gunboat, "Chang Chi" of the South China Coast Flotilla, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Canton for fueling before continuing her duty patrolling off the Kwangtung coast and Hainan Island.

Under the command of Captain Ho Nai-chen, the warship is expected to leave harbour in a day or two. She carries a complement of 170.

The ship is the former Japanese gunboat "Uji."

completed in September 1940. She has a displacement of 1,200 tons and is equipped with three 4.7-inch guns and has a speed of 20 knots.

Renamed "Chang Chi" the gunboat is one of the

Japanese warships which China drew as reparations from Japan.

The ship, first attached to the North China First Flotilla, was recently transferred to South China. Her next port of call is Fakhol.

## Photography Gains Popularity

The sixth annual general meeting of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong was held last evening at the Cafe Wiseman. The President of the Society, Mr. K. A. Watson, presided, supported by Mr. J. C. M. Grenham (Vice-President), the members of the Council, and Mr. R. A. Bates (Hon. Secretary). About 85 members were present.

In his report, the Secretary disclosed that the membership of the Society had grown during the year from 42 to 120. He described the past year as one of "splendid cooperation and blind faith in our Society."

He referred to the two successful International Salons held under the Society's auspices since its reconstitution, and disclosed that the Government had recently solicited the Society's assistance in obtaining photographs for the Colony's Annual Report, and the loan of winning prints in its monthly competitions for lecture purposes in the schools.

**Community Centre?**  
It was hoped that the Government, on its part, would soon reciprocate by providing a com-

munity centre in which it might be possible for the Society to stage a Salon as adequately as Salons organized in other civilized parts of the world.

The meeting passed a resolution increasing the monthly subscription to \$5, and the cost of a commuted Life Membership to \$350 instead of \$250, though the old figure is to remain for a period of three months, to enable those members who care to take advantage of it during that time to do so.

The Society's clubroom in Prince's Building is to be fitted out as two darkrooms and a Studio for the use of members, and it is the capital expense entailed in this scheme that makes it necessary for further funds to be raised.

**Best Exhibitor**  
A total of 326 prints were hung in the various monthly competitions open to members of the Society. The most successful exhibitor during the year was Dr. Ernest To, who won both the President's Cup and the Craftsman's Cup; the runner-up in each case was Mr. R. A. Bates. The Regatta's Cup was won by Mr. Peter Tsang, with Messrs. Peter Hodge and K. Jack Wai as runners-up.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Lawrence Kadourie (President), Francis Wu and Fung Ping Fan (Vice-Presidents), E. O'Neill Shaw (Hon. Secretary), R. C. Olive (Hon. Treasurer), J. C. Thompson (Librarian), and J. C. M. Grenham and Lau Cho-chik (Members of Council).

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mrs. N. Buchan, T. G. Downing, V. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jolliffe and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. H. Hickmott.

Peninsula departures:—F. C. Gilray, R. C. Webb, M. Gubbay, H. S. Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Beattie, I. B. Alling and Miss G. Bloch.

The wedding of Mr. Jesus Tomas Cabagis, 305 Peninsula Hotel, and Miss Maria Razon, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Messrs. Chan Shing-wei and Lau Yiu-cheung.

**VERDICT OF MURDER**  
A verdict of murder by a person or persons unknown was reached at the inquest held yesterday at Central by Mr. F. X. d'Almada into the death of a newly-born female infant, found at Tung Lo Wan Road on Dec. 10 at 8.40 a.m.

Dr. Gould said that there were severe bruising on the forehead, eye, nose and skull. A groove ran up from the umbilicus behind the left shoulder and twice round the neck. Internally, there were signs of asphyxia.

The child was 6½ lb. in weight and appeared to be normal.

Mok Yee, a Sanitary Department collector, was working at Tung Lo Wan Road when he found the dirty body of the murdered infant. Beside the child was an oil sack, covered with charcoal.

At the conclusion of the case, Mr. Latimer ordered the four "Plymouth" hub-caps to be confiscated to the Police pending a claimant.

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The two plainclothesmen waited for some time before Chan and Tsang appeared.

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## Chan Specialised In Motor-Cars

Chan Ngan-tsai, a specialist in motor-car accessories thefts, took a 12 months' rap and was ordered to be re-expelled, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to four charges of larceny of motor accessories and one of returning from expulsion.

His friend, Tsang Cheung (17), who was expelled with him on July 22 last for being a prostitute, was sent down for six weeks' hard labour, followed by re-expulsion, for returning to the Colony before 1952.

Chan, it was revealed by Det. Sub-inspector W. G. Morrison, claimed to be 16 years of age at the time of his arrest on Jan. 17.

An X-Ray examination, however, proved that he had passed that age some time ago.

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2. Tenders are invited for the purchase of the whole or part lots of each commodity.

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(b) Tinned Salmon (Canadian and USA Products)—23 tons (approx 1074 cases).

4. These commodities may be inspected at the Command Supply Depot, Shamshing, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily until Friday, 23rd January, 1948.

5. Applications to view will be received at and necessary passes and tender forms obtained from HQ RASC, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, daily between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. up to Friday, 23rd January, 1948.

6. Tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. Saturday, 24th January, and must be deposited at HQ RASC, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, in sealed packets, marked "Tender for purchase of RASC Supplies" before this time and date.

7. The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

F. G. HAZELTON,

Lieutenant Colonel,  
Commander, Royal Army Service Corps,  
HQ Land Forces, HONG KONG.

## NOTICE

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the Colony of Hong Kong,  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the Court has by  
virtue of Section 58 of the  
Probates Ordinance, 1897, made  
an Order limiting the time for  
creditors and others to send in  
their claims against the above  
estate to the 14th February,  
1948.

All creditors and others are  
accordingly hereby required to  
send their claims to the under-  
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 15th day of Jan.,  
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### NOTICE TO MONTHLY TICKET HOLDERS.

Monthly Tickets for February  
may be renewed on the follow-  
ing dates at the places specified.

January 25th to January 28th  
Traffic Office, Canal Road East.

January 29th to 31st and  
February 2nd  
Hongkong Electric Office,  
Gloucester Building.

New tickets for passengers  
not holding Monthly Tickets  
can only be obtained at the  
Traffic Office, Canal Road East,  
on and after January 31st.

V. WALKER,  
Acting General Manager,  
21st January, 1948.

## NOTICE

### UNRRA CLOSURE

All concerned are hereby  
notified that the Hongkong  
Office of UNRRA will close on  
the 31st January, 1948. All  
claims should be submitted and  
all cheques cleared immediately.

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Mr. Harlan Cleveland,  
Director,  
UNRRA—China Office,  
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SHANGHAI—00.

(Signed) R. B. GOODWIN,  
Closure Officer.

## MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

### For Information of Ship Operators & Charterers

It is hereby notified that  
Wednesday, 21st January, 1948,  
has been declared a Weather-  
Non-Working Day.

J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,  
Hongkong, 22nd Jan., 1948.

## U. S. R. C.

A grand Leap Year Dance  
will be held on Saturday 28th  
February from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
The Easter Dance will be held  
on Saturday 27th March.  
Tickets available from the  
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## THE SPORTS CLUB

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Out Stakes will be held today  
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Hon. Secretary.

# Protest Strike Brings Cologne To A Standstill

Cologne, Jan. 21.

## BBC Fight With Union

London, Jan. 22.  
No more theatre and music  
hall broadcasts will be relayed  
by the BBC until the Musicians  
Union agrees to a more reason-  
able fee, said the BBC today.

The Corporation issued a  
statement that the BBC learns  
with regret that the Musicians  
Union have expressed the view  
that no useful purpose will be  
served by accepting an invita-  
tion from managers to discuss  
new proposals for theatre relay  
fees.

These proposals represented  
100 per cent increase in the rate  
previously paid to musicians for  
such broadcasts.

"The BBC, although it will meet  
a reasonable increase, does not  
feel justified in agreeing to an  
increase of 300 per cent. The  
BBC therefore regrets it is un-  
able to provide listeners with  
plays of theatre and music  
hall performances involving  
Musicians. Union players until  
the Union is prepared to agree  
to a more reasonable fee for  
such broadcasts. —Reuter.

Eighty thousand workers here stayed at home today, bringing the life of the city to a standstill for 24 hours in a protest strike against the low food rations.

In Nuremberg, 100,000 workers also stopped work on the orders of their trade unions. Forty thousand of them marched in procession carrying banners demanding the resignation of the Bavarian Government and an improvement in the food situation.

All the Cologne strikers are expected to return to work tomorrow including the tramway workers who have been out for three days.

Dr. Schlange Schoeninger, director of the Food and Agriculture Department of Blz-nia, was quoted by the German news service in the American Zone as saying: "I do not know how we are going to survive the next three months."

He told the Economic Council at Frankfurt that calm in the Ruhr region might maintain world peace. He asked the occupying powers to let the Germans buy high-quality foodstuffs in neighbouring countries.

## Request

The German population would be ready to pay for these by hard work, he added.

In Munich, the Bavarian Diet unanimously passed a motion asking the Bavarian Govern-ment to approach the United States Military Government with a request to free German dollar credits to buy fats abroad.

High-quality foodstuffs, including meat, fats, sugar, herrings and flour, valued at \$50,000, have been placed at the disposal of the Ruhr population through Protestant Churches abroad. The German news service in the American Zone reported tonight, and another similar quantity will be distributed shortly.

The British Military Govern-ment hold that enough foodstuffs, particularly bread grains, have been imported to ensure a regular ration of 1,500 calories a day throughout the year. If indigenous resources are fully utilised, a Reuter despatch from Dusseldorf stated.

## Hoarders

The Anglo-American authori-ties in Germany have asked the bizonal Economic Council at Frankfurt to pass a law in-structing the heads of the 20,000,000 families in the combin-ed Zone to register all the food they possess.

The legislation would be de-signed to strike at hoarders and blackmarket dealers hiding critically needed foodstuffs.

Under the scheme, all news-papers in the bi-Zone would sus-pend publication for several days to make available paper for the proposed food question-naires.—Reuter.

## Maniu Party Sentences

Belgrade, Jan. 22.

A Rumanian military tribunal has passed prison sentences on 17 members of the former Ru-manian Peasant Party of Dr. Julius Maniu (who was senten-ced to life imprisonment on treason charges last November), Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency reported from Bucharest today.

The men, arrested shortly after the Maniu trial, were charged with rebellion, M. Emil Gilezan, a former Under-Secre-tary of State, said to be leader of the group, was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude, while the others received 10-year sen-tences and nine were sentenced to seven years.—Reuter.

## General's Warning

New York, Jan. 22.

General Omar Bradley, who will this year succeed General Eisenhower as Chief-of-Staff, declared today that the United States would "court disaster" if they responded too little or too late with aid for Western Europe.

Addressing the American Jewish Committee, General Bradley said: "History shows that we have always arrived at a catastrophe by our failure to act in a crisis. There is no ap-peal, no second chance after a

# MALAYA'S FALL: OFFICIAL STORY

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This was most serious in the case of the air force, where the Far East requirements, as laid down by the Chiefs of Staff, were 336 aircraft as initial equipment, with a reserve of 327 planes.

Omitting 36 obsolete planes, there were in fact available only 166 initial equipment aircraft and 32 reserve planes. Adding to these a total of 22 bombers and nine fighters lent by the Dutch, the net deficiency on Dec. 7, 1941, was 384 planes, or more than half the requirements.

Sir Robert said that in Decem-ber, 1941, the army strength in Malaya "fell far short of the figure it had been agreed was required to compensate for the deficiency in aircraft."

"The main deficiencies were: 17 battalions; four light anti-aircraft regiments; and two tank regiments."

"The fact that we were en-tirely without tanks in Malaya was a serious handicap to any offensive land operations, whether on a small or on a large scale."

## Hong Kong Fall

"There were also very few armoured cars. The reserve of small arms ammunition was well below the authorised figure."

Two major reverses in the first few days of the Far Eastern war fell into the period of Sir Robert Brooke Popham's command—the sinking of the new 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse, and the fall of Hong Kong.

Admiral Sir Tom Phillips, Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet, decided to take action with his two capital ships immediately the arrival of Japanese landing parties off Siam was reported.

He asked for fighter cover off Singora, in the southern part of the Kra Isthmus, but this could not be provided because by Dec. 10, the aerodromes in northern Malaya "were either untenable or else had been badly damaged by bombing."

Of the end of the two war-ships which went down with the loss of 600 men, including Admiral Phillips, the despatch said: "Shortly after 12 noon on Wednesday, Dec. 10, a signal was received from Repulse that she was being bombed in a position about 60 miles east-south-east of Kuantan."

"On receipt of this message, a fighter squadron was at once despatched and reached the position of the ships in com-mendable quick time, but only to see Prince of Wales go down."

"No enemy aircraft were spotted. Fighter cover, though only a weak one, was provided for the destroyers that picked up the crews from the sunken ships."—Reuter.

nation has lapsed through despair into the pit of totalitarianism. The event that permits a dissident minority to seduce a free people into a dictatorship of the Right or Left, becomes a trap door from which there is no exit, at a time when free people need help in their effort to survive, to live in dignity and to gain strength from the vitality of freedom."—Reuter.

## SUSPENSE, ADVENTURE, THRILLS



RIP KIRBY IS COMING!

Watch for it in the "China Mail"

# U.S. Battle Of The Income Tax

Washington, Jan. 22.

House Republican leaders today endorsed the US\$5,600,000,000 Knutson general income tax cut and agreed to put it to a House vote as soon as possible.

The programme, which the Secretary of the Treasury (Mr. John Snyder) claims will cost US\$4,800,000,000 in Federal revenue and pose a serious threat to the nation's economy, is to be put into final form on Thursday by the tax-drafting Ways and Means Committee.

Rep. Harold Knutson (Rep-ublican, Minnesota), chairman of this group, announced his deci-sion to Republican leaders after a meeting of the House Steering Committee in the

of the Speaker, Rep. Joseph Martin.

The Republicans said there was no chance of approval of the President's counter-pro-posal to grant US\$40 "cost of living" tax credits to everybody and to offset the revenue loss with a 75 per cent excess profits tax on big corporations.

The House Democratic lead-er, Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas, countered that the Republican bill "is, in all, will never become law."

—Reuter.



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## U.S. STABILISATION LOANS

### Mr. Snyder's Forecast: "Prompt And Vigorous Measures" Required

#### Adjustment Of Exchange Rates Expected

Washington, Jan. 21. Mr. John Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, today urged the European countries in the Marshall Plan to take "prompt and vigorous" measures for monetary stabilisation.

Testifying before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, he forecast that when such adequate steps were accomplished, the United States would extend stabilisation loans in addition to the aid she intends to give for the purchase of goods under the European recovery programme.

Mr. Snyder outlined the steps which he considered necessary by paying: "In most countries, modifications in tax structures and control of expenditures will be needed."

He added that bilateral agreements which the United States would sign with each of the 16 nations would outline the financial and monetary measures which European countries would undertake in order to stabilise currencies and maintain proper rates of exchange.

Without mentioning any country by name, Mr. Snyder also declared that "the adjustment of some exchange rates may be expected in the course of European recovery" but stressed that this is a "very complex matter."

"Accordingly it would not be good policy for us to insist on a modification of the exchange rates before we extend aid," he added.

#### Loans?

"This revision of the rates of individual countries would, instead, be considered as part of a development programme of internal and external stabilisation in conjunction with United States assistance."

"To ensure that these revisions will be undertaken where necessary, recipient countries will be asked to agree that when, in the opinion of the United States Government, their exchange rates are imposing an unjustifiable burden on the balance of payments, they will consult with the International Monetary Fund about revision," Mr. Snyder said.

Turning to the United States role in contributing to European financial stability, Mr. Snyder said: "After progress has been made towards internal stabilisation in the European countries by balancing budgets, increasing production and expanding trade, the time will arrive when it may be appropriate to make stabilisation loans which will give greater assurance to the people of the

participating countries that the stabilisation will be permanent.

#### Warning

"There is greater confidence in the stability of money if there is gold or dollars in the hands of a central bank. At an appropriate point in the programme, it would be well worthwhile to give countries this additional assurance by extending loans to provide reserves."

Mr. Snyder thought it was probable that in 1948 and probably in 1949 some countries of Europe would be in a position to use such loans effectively.

Once again he warned against Congress insisting that the European countries should liquidate their gold and dollar assets and American investments in return for American assistance.

He also warned against onerous lending terms. "It must be kept in mind, he said, that the European countries had already incurred obligations for large annual payments of interest and amortisation arising from dollar loans for a period of years."

As Mr. Snyder appeared before the House Group, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee heard representatives of America's ex-servicemen's organisations strongly urge the Marshall Plan enactment.

Mr. James O'Neil, Commander of the American Legion, said failure to put the Plan into effect would result in Communist control of all Europe.

Mr. Ray Brannaman, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said such development would be the realisation of the goal for which Germany fought and lost two major wars.

—Reuter.

#### Parcel Bombs

Prague, Jan. 21. The Czechoslovak Minister of Justice said in the Constituent Assembly today that inquiries into the despatch of parcel bombs some time ago to three Ministers had led to the finding of large illegal stores of arms and ammunition in Communist Party hands at Olomouc, Moravia.

The Minister added that the State Prosecutor was holding the Communist deputy, M. Sosnar, responsible.

—Reuter.

#### Franc Devaluation Delayed

PARIS, JAN. 21. A BRITISH INSISTENCE ON A SPECIAL PROVISION TO PROTECT STERLING HAS DELAYED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW FRANC DEVALUATION PLAN.

Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, head of the Economic and Financial Department of the Foreign Office, arrived in Paris today for urgent talks with French Foreign Office and Finance Ministry officials on the devaluation question.

A French announcement had been forecast for Friday after the closing of the Stock Exchange, but it appeared today that no decision can be made before Monday.

Devaluation was believed to be on the agenda for today's French Cabinet meeting, but no mention of it was made in a statement issued afterwards.

—Reuter.

#### Minister Called An "Old Goat"

BY PETER KALISCHER  
TOKYO, JAN. 20. SCORCHING AUSTRALIAN PROTESTS — FEMININE — GREETED THE NEWS TODAY THAT THE FAR EAST AIR FORCE "IS REGRETTFULLY" TERMINATING THE SERVICES OF AUSTRALIANS IN THE PACIFIC AND THE FAR EAST AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WANTS THEM TO GO HOME.

A total of 175 men and women are involved, but most of them are in Guam and the Marianas command. Only six are in Tokyo—all women—but they are vociferous in condemning Australian Immigration Minister Archibald Calwell as "high handed," "dictatorial and downright mean" for originating the request to FEAF.

Red-haired Hope King, of Canberra, at present employed in the communications section of air force headquarters, said: "This amounts to depriving me of my job and security. I have no home in Australia at present. Does the Australian Government propose to guarantee me employment?"

She explained she has been working for army General headquarters since Brisbane and is making more money now than she could in Australia. She also pointed out that her passport is still good for five years and is in perfect order.

Another, who wished her name to be withheld, said she planned to return to Australia in eight weeks anyway, but "resented the Government action."

She said: "I never thought it will be able to do such a thing. After all, there is no state of emergency."

Apparently so far unaffected by the Australian request "are other Australian women civilians working in other SCAP sections. All of them hold highly important secretarial jobs, and two of them as secretaries to Generals. They are unanimously grateful that the order does not apply to them."

Referring to Mr. Calwell, one said: "We ought to let the old goat blow his top." —United Press.

## Atomic Research Centre In China

Nanking, Jan. 22. The establishment of an atomic research centre in China to permit the country to compete with the United States, Russia, France and other nations in the study of nuclear fission for peacetime benefits is the goal of a group of Chinese scientists.

#### Emir Feisal To Visit London

London, Jan. 21. Emir Feisal, the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister and son of King Ibn Saud, has accepted in principle an invitation from the British Government to visit London.

The date of the visit is not fixed. It is expected to depend on the length of the discussions on the 1946 Anglo-Transjordan Treaty due to begin when Tewfik Abu Elhuda, the Transjordan Premier, arrives here next Sunday.

It is understood that the possibility of concluding an Anglo-Saudi Arabian Pact on the model of the Anglo-Transjordan and the revised Anglo-Iraqi treaties will be discussed by the Emir in London. —Reuter.

Dr. Li Shu-hua, Director of the National Academy at Peiping, has requested the Ministry of Education to ask Government for an initial appropriation of US\$400,000 to establish a research centre to build a cyclotron at the Peiping Academy.

Dr. Li has been consulting various Government officials on the project. He says that both men and materials are available in China for the project and with an adequate appropriation organised studies could begin almost immediately in atomic energy and nuclear fission.

He said that Dr. Chiang An-chiang, former student of Madame Curie, has been asked to direct the project. Other Chinese scientists who worked at the Manhattan project would be asked to return to China. Among these are Dr. Jen Chih-kung and Dr. Teng Chao-lun, both of whom are on the staff of the University of California atomic laboratory. —United Press.

#### P.O.W.'s Bet In Bottle

Washington, Jan. 22. The Army today identified two men who made a bet in a Japanese prison camp on when they would be released and then buried the agreement in a bottle.

The American Command in the Philippines disclosed the bottle was discovered in the grounds of the former Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines, containing the signed US\$1,000 bet. Only one of the three bettors—Major V. O. McCollom—survived.

The two other men were First Lieutenant Irving Rothblott, lost when American planes sank a Japanese prison ship on January 10, 1945, and Major Thomas B. Smothers Jr., who died of pneumonia on April 26, 1945.—Associated Press.

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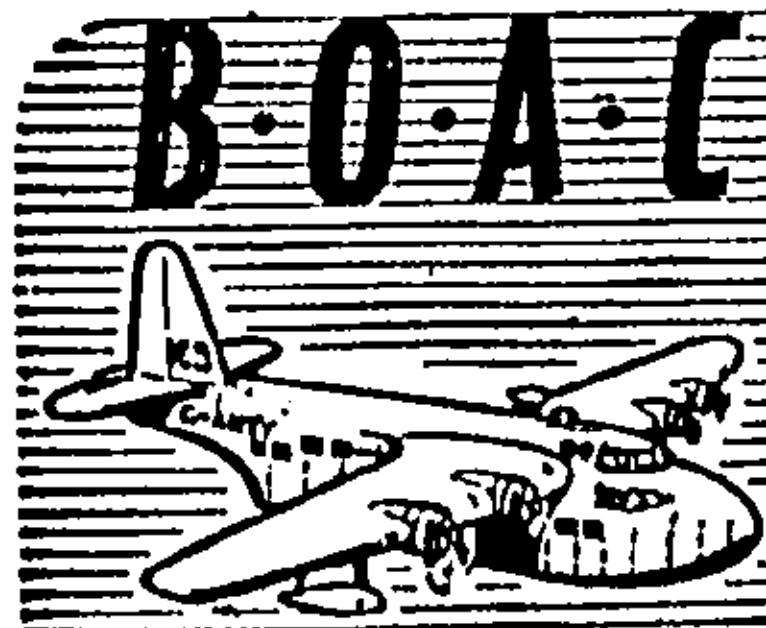
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## CURIOUS

Now that the Kowloon City issue and its repercussions have been transferred to the highest diplomatic levels, the desired result has been achieved in a noticeable relaxation of tension, and it is possible to look, with reasonable confidence, for a rational solution.

Hong Kong observers will not, however, have failed to note, with surprise, the curious reversal of the positions which it was expected would be adopted in Nanking. According to messages from the Chinese capital, the British authorities are endeavouring to make separate issues of the Kowloon City business and the sacking and burning of the British Consulate-General in Canton. The Chinese Foreign Office, on the other hand, is disposed to treat of them as one and to negotiate on that basis.

In common logic, the Chinese attitude is precisely that which it was considered certain that the British Ambassador, representing Hong Kong, as well as wider British interests, would adopt. The danger foreseen as a possibility here is that by correct behaviour in disposing of the Canton outrage, (and the circumstances are so painful) clear that the Chinese Government could hardly do otherwise than accept full responsibility "in accordance with the accepted principles of international law." The Incident may swiftly be dealt with along lines entitling the British Government to consider the matter closed, while leaving the Kowloon City issue wide and open.

Chinese insistence upon treating both matters as part and parcel of the same fundamental issue is therefore, one which will cause little civil locally. Emotional attitudes can, it is true, easily obscure the true principles which must guide all steps in international relationships. But that is precisely the point. If the Kowloon City problem is rationally discussed, on the basis of treaty undertakings, legally, there can be only one conclusion—that the point of jurisdiction could never have arisen but for malevolent inspiration and riotous instigation for political ends, which rightly should be placed in the category of "the flogging of a dead horse," and that the entire responsibility for events in Kowloon City, as even more markedly in Canton, must rest on the shoulders of the Chinese political agitators behind the scenes.

In this connection, it is interesting, if not particularly instructive, to note that while so much fuss has been made through-out China over the heap of rubble euphemistically described as "Kowloon Walled City," there has been complete silence about the forcible exercise in the Philippines of the decision to oust all non-Filipino traders from the markets and to prohibit alien ownership of real estate in the Philippines.

It is not for us to suggest that there lies any ground for protest. If the Filipinos decide that their newly acquired independence entitles them to pass discriminatory legislation, their right to do so is difficult to dispute, as long as the ordinary proprieties of international behaviour are at the same time observed.

To the anti-British outcry in China, events in Manila are of course totally irrelevant. We are merely putting into words what many people who read their newspapers are thinking in contrasting the intense Chinese political reaction to a trivial incident in British territory with an apparently negative response to what could easily become really important.

The bona fides of the "popular outcry" over Kowloon City has never been otherwise than suspect. Such odd bits of evidence as we gather from time to time serve but to clinch it.

# THE CYPRIOTS HAVE A WORD FOR IT

## By Alexander Clifford

Nicosia, Cyprus.

If you want to start a political uproar in Cyprus you only have to drop the word *enosis* into the conversation.

It acts like yeast. It whips a sleepy, dusty café—a somnolent place of tin tables and decrepit chairs and little thimbles of Turkish coffee—into a seething Bedlam of gesticulating arms and raised voices.

It means "union," and to a Cypriot union means union with Greece.

They have wanted *enosis* for centuries and never had it. When the first governor stepped ashore nearly a century ago he was met by the head of the Orthodox Church, who declared that Cyprus welcomed British rule in the hope that it was the first step to union with Greece.

## Greek Feelings

Less than a year ago the head of the Orthodox Church still the political mouth-piece of the people took a delegation to ask officially for *enosis*.

He was officially refused. So today there is a good deal of puzzled bitterness in the island. The great majority of the population speak Greek and feel that they are Greeks. They want to be Greeks.

They are certainly as politically educated as a good many other races who are gaining their independence in different parts of the globe.

Why does Britain curtsy gracefully and contemptuously, the Cypriots consider suppress these just aspirations?

And the people of Britain, too, have good reason to be puzzled. Cyprus does not pay its way. It is a burden (though a small one) on the British taxpayer.

We do not appear to use it for anything except as a dump for illegal Jewish immigrants. It has no vital exports. It is too far away for tourism. It is not a military base.

Why do we so dog-in-the-manger hang on to it?

The Cypriot demand for transfer from British to Greek rule is canalised in two main streams.

The leader of one is the white-bearded old Archbishop Makarios of Kyrenia. He is the Ethnarch, or leader of the people, and his is an uncompromising "enosis or nothing" attitude.

## Greek Monarch

When the people pray in his churches for their king, it is King Paul of Greece they are praying for, not King George of England.

When you go to see him in his ramshackle palace at

**100 Years Ago**

(From the files of the "China Mail")

We have made some enquiries on the subject of the recent robbery of the Master of the "Burgemeister Jensen" in Queen's Road and have been informed that until the material of the Police force can be effectively improved an experiment is about to be made of detecting crime by means of disguising a certain number of constables on duty, in coloured clothes, we should be inclined to hope well of the proposed artifice, if we had any confidence in the character of the men who are to practice it. We also understand that the police are in future to have authority to take up, for examination, any Chinese who have ever been convicted of crime, and who may be lurking about without any visible occupation.

Still, we repeat, there is only one radical cure, viz: to get better men, and to pay them accordingly—for as long as the rate of seamen's wages rises at \$10 and \$12 per month, and any policeman can get such employment, he is not likely to be satisfied with the badge of X-99 at \$6½.

The continuity of the mainland of China to Hongkong, and the extraordinary character of the intervening strip of water, in cutting off all right of pursuit on our part, make it incumbent for the public good to have the most expert and efficient police force that knowledge and money can secure.

The Chinese should be taught that while they live here they are British subjects and that in enjoying the protection and immunities of British law they are bound to discharge the duties that it imposes—one of the first of which is that every person residing in this colony, whether Chinese or British, is bound in law to apprehend a felon if he can.

Kyrenia he thunders out that Britain's prime moral duty is to let the Cypriots decide on their own nationality.

All other considerations are secondary, even defence of the western world against Communism. The principle of the Atlantic Charter must come first.

The other school of thought about *enosis* is represented by the Left-Wing party, which would call itself Communist if it were allowed to do so.

The party is teetering along gingerly on the edge of a very tricky position. On the one hand, union with Greece means union with the Greek Government, which it is constantly denouncing as reactionary and Fascist.

On the other hand, anyone who opposes *enosis* gets no support at all in Cyprus.

So the Left-Wing party has adopted a tentative, half-way position.

"Enosis remains our maximum demand," its leaders tell you. "But since Britain has refused to grant *enosis* we are asking for home rule—a sort of Dominion status. We ask that as the first step towards *enosis*."

The *enosis* sentiment really exists. It hasn't got nearly as much historical backing as the Cypriots believe. And it might disappear altogether under the impact of the lower standard of living which Greek rule would certainly bring.

But at the moment it truly exists. The majority of Cypriots do want to be Greek. (The Turkish minority wants to remain British.)

Are we high-mindedly hanging on to the island for the good of the inhabitants? Are we prepared to go on paying out our money to it simply because we find it hard to give up territory?

Is it part of some secret and deep-laid imperial defence scheme?

If you strolled round the grocers' shops in Nicosia you would fancy that we were not only paying out money to Cyprus but deliberately pampering the place.

## Foreign Luxuries

Why should Cypriots have as much British gin as they want at ten bob a bottle? Why in this sterling area should there be unrationed Danish hams on sale, Dutch tinned sausages, American fountain-pens, and a thousand and one other foreign luxuries?

Why, in fact, should it be foreign luxuries that are on sale, and not foreign necessities?

I dare say it all adds up to very little. If the extra luxuries of Cyprus were distributed round the population of Britain the portions would be invisible. But the chilly, rationed British taxpayer can still ask why he is being forced to keep the unwilling Cypriots in such comfort.

Ultimately, the only valid argument against *enosis* seems to be the strategical one. Now that we have left Egypt and

are leaving Palestine, are we going to turn Cyprus into our Middle-Eastern base?

It is well placed to be the hub of the Eastern Mediterranean, it is roomy and fertile, it has flat land for airfields, it is an island. It must certainly have been considered.

I don't know what Montgomery and his staff decided. But I do know that, if they decided in favour of Cyprus, they have got away to a mighty slow start.

Nothing is going on in the island which could make anyone suspect that it is destined to be an imperial base. No great new airfields with underground hangars are being built. Nothing is being done to make Famagusta harbour fit for warships.

No barracks or camps are being constructed for troops, no fortifications are being installed round the coasts.

There are a few airfields left over from a scarce period of the recent war, but only the odd civilian plane uses them.

## Cypriot Surprise

A camp is being constructed at Dekelia, but it is only for use during our evacuation of Palestine. Nothing else is happening at all.

So the Cypriots have ruled this strategic possibility out of their minds. Many of them are surprised: for they are passionately interested in their own geography and they think it a little strange that Britain is not turning the island into an imperial fortress.

But since she isn't, why not *enosis*? It is not that there is any very strong anti-British feeling.

Everyone will tell you that British rule has been neglectful at the beginning and dictatorial at the end. But the detailed criticisms are not really so very horrifying. We have kept the place peaceful and relatively prosperous, and far freer in speech and thought and the Press than many nominally independent countries.

It is not passionate hatred of the British yoke that is inspiring the *enosis* campaign. It is a passionate, almost mystical, attachment to Greece and the idea of being Greek.

And it is something which Britain cannot, with a clear conscience, indefinitely ignore—unless, of course, Montgomery has the secret in his safe.

## JEWS BUY PLANES

Jerusalem, Jan. 22.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said that the Agency had bought used but serviceable Avion scout planes from British surplus for training of Jewish pilots in commercial aviation.

The spokesman said there are now about 50 Royal Air Force trained Jewish pilots in Palestine, who would work with the Agency's sponsored Avion Company in training pilots and developing the air industry.

He also said negotiations are proceeding for the purchase from the government of other surplus materials.—Associated Press.

# BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

## TOP SOMETIMES BETTER

You hear fairly experienced players say they would rather lead the fourth-best of their partner's suit than the top of it, when against a trump contract, if they have four or more cards. They qualify that sometimes by saying that, applies only when their partner is a good card-reader and can make deductions regarding the declarer's hand from such a number-counting lead. They should qualify it still further. Usually, if they have already indicated length by supporting their partner's bid of the suit, their highest card of it is more informative because that tells him something he doesn't know.

S. Q 8 4  
D. 10 7  
C. A K 7 4  
S. J 6 5 3  
H. K 8 3 2  
D. K  
C. Q 6 5  
S. 7  
H. 10 4  
D. A 9 6 5 3 2  
C. J 9 3 2  
(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)

East South West North  
1 S Pass 2 S Dbl  
Pass 3 D Pass 3 H  
Pass 4 C Pass 5 C  
South required help to make that, he got it—and how. It came on the first trick, when West led his fourth-best spade 13. The 8 was play-

ed from dummy and East had a tough guess. He did not dare play his 10 or 9, since South might have the J, so came in with the K. He simplified one of South's problems then by returning the club 10 to limit cross ruffing. The J, Q and K on that set up the 9 and eliminated any trump losers. South led the club 9, then the heart 10 and sent it through, followed by the 4 to the J. The club A cleared trumps.

Now watch. The heart A was scored, the diamond 7 led to the J and A to drop the K, and the diamond 3 to the 10 put East in with the Q. East obviously disliked a diamond return, so laid down the spade A, which South ruffed, setting up the Q. On the diamond 9 the heart Q was discarded. The diamond 6 was ruffed and the spade Q got the final trick.

West could have simplified East's problems by leading his top spade, the J, to the first trick, which he should have done for two reasons. First, he had already shown his length, and, second, North was marked with most of his side's strength by his double, and therefore was more likely than South to have a spade honour through which West could lead.

## Your Next Question

Under what circumstances should a defender with the king and another trump lead the suit into the ace and another trump in the dummy, which is at his right?

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"No, no, Miss Montague! You register shock! Imagine yourself walking on the street and no one comes up to you for your autograph!"

# "Strange Spirit Of Recovery"

With one daily national newspaper front-paging a "Talk Success" column in every edition a "spirit of recovery" is at present enveloping Britain. This strange "spirit of recovery" was first noticeable shortly after the Royal Wedding in November but it is hard to say exactly when or where it was first born. It is based on the slenderest factual foundations but, probably because and not despite the fact that it is mainly psychological, it will see Britain through any further crises she may have to meet and put her firmly on the road to recovery.

Record iron and steel production, better output of cotton yarn, commercial vehicles and passenger cars, textile and agricultural machinery are the main visible reasons for hoping that the worst corner on the road to recovery has been turned. Unfortunately several things may still happen to make the whole outfit skid—and skid badly.

Steel production, which was running at the all-time record rate of 14,300,000 tons annually during the first half of December, compared with the 1948 target of only 14,000,000 tons, may slump again badly if sufficient steel scrap is unobtainable.

## Disturbing Reports

Sir Stafford Cripps, when still Minister of Economic Affairs, stated that Britain was counting on 1,000,000 tons of scrap "almost all from Germany" to keep British steel mills running at target level. Since then there have been disturbing reports that the United States authorities would try to get as much German scrap as possible for the United States industry. Since the United States has now a controlling influence in the economic affairs of Bizonia, the outlook for British steel must be regarded as uncertain.

If steel production falls, with it on the downward path must go output of the automobile, textile machinery and agricultural machinery industries.

The continued upward trend of coal output is also uncertain. Only about 716,000 men are now employed in the industry, against an end-1947 target of 730,000 and unless the present number is considerably increased, the 1948 coal production target of 214,000,000 tons may not be reached. The 1948 labour force target of 750,000 seems impossibly high but there should be compensations in that the abnormal wastage of labour through the withdrawal of "Bevin boys" will not recur and the labour force should become more stable and rather more balanced in its age composition, though the average age of the miners will still be high.

## Foreign Labour

The miners have now withdrawn their objections to the employment of foreign labour so that the absorption of Poles and Displaced Persons should be more rapid, despite the difficulties of training and housing. A complete breakdown of the railway system, because of worn-out rails, locomotives and wagons, is Britain's major

potential winter crisis which experts are trying to avert. Such a breakdown, coming alien immediately after nationalisation, would probably cause unutterable despair if Britons were still feeling as they did earlier in the year. But the signs are that they will now laugh and grumble their way through such a crisis—if it comes—without ill-feeling.

An inevitable struggle which Britain faces is that of selling her goods on world markets. The probability is that sufficient goods will be produced to meet the export targets of 143 percent of 1938 by mid-1948 and 164 per cent by the end of the year.

## Prices Must Fall

It is hoped that the "control of engagements order" will substantially and sufficiently improve employment figures in the now undermanned industries the chief of which are agriculture, coal, textiles, tinplate, steel sheet, hosiery, textile finishing and pottery. But prices of many British goods must fall if sales abroad are to match home production. This can only be done by improving production methods and by using manpower more economically than at present. No one is yet willing to predict that this will, in fact, be done, but if it isn't done Britain faces disaster.

Britain seems determined, with the indispensable help of the Commonwealth, to pull herself up by her own shoe straps, but whether the recovery is to be speedy or very long drawn-out, must depend on whether or not she receives Marshall aid later in the year. The British Government has until now maintained that it is not depending on aid. Nevertheless, publication of the Government's own estimates of "what Britain can achieve unaided in 1948" is being held up pending further clarification of Marshall aid prospects.—Reuter.

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# Britain To Get Uranium

Capetown, Jan. 22.  
It was reliably learned today that South Africa's potentially huge uranium deposits, whose discovery was announced only last week, will be turned over to Britain exclusively under arrangements now being prepared by the Government.

Uranium deposits have been found at the Witwatersrand gold mines and present indications are that South Africa may be one of the world's biggest atomic power fuel dumps.

South Africa is already working the mines, a source said, and small quantities of the Witwatersrand deposits have been extracted. However, the work is still at the experimental stage.

A complete blackout was claimed on all information on deposits shortly after the Hiroshima and Nagasaki blasts but some reports say that there are huge deposits all the way from Witwatersrand to the Belgian Congo.—United Press.



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# MALAYA FEDERATION PACTS

## Singapore Remains A Crown Colony

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 22. Only the Crown colony of Singapore, one of the freak bastions of the Empire, was excepted in the signing of agreements yesterday by Great Britain with the rulers of nine Malayan states, creating a Federation of Malaya, and returning internal self-government to the Malay peninsula.

The new Federation, which represents the latest application of Britain's liberal post-war Colonial policy, will become a going concern after the Governor, Sir Edward Gent, issues an order in Council, probably about Feb. 1.

Thereafter, Britain waives jurisdiction in Malaya over everything except external affairs, defence and appeals to the Privy Council, the Empire's supreme judicial body.

Sir Edward will become High Commissioner. British Resident Commissioners in each state will have advisory powers only.

The agreements were signed at a colourful ceremony at King's House in this capital, by Sir Edward for Britain and by the Sultans of Kedah, Kelantan, Pahang, Selangor, Perak and Trengganu; the Rajah of Perlis and His Highness Yang Di Per, Tuan Besar and other ruling chiefs of Negri Sembilan.

### Union Ended

A special plane later flew to Johore for the signature of the Sultan of Johore. Illness prevented him from attending the ceremony here. His State also is a member of the new Federation.

## Sadistic Terror In China

Nanking, Jan. 22. "Not even the Japanese, at their worst, touched the lower depth of sadistic terrorism than now being witnessed in some parts of the Communist controlled regions," declared Dr. Hollington Tong, Government Information director at a press conference this afternoon, referring to the murder of the three Lutheran missionaries in Hupeh by Communists.

Civilisation is under the threat of a complete breakdown in regions under Communist control, Dr. Tong added. "The Communist armies are leaving a red line of savagery behind, which the terror-stricken population is suffering."

Dr. Tong estimated that the number of Chinese men, women and children who have fled from their homes in destitution before the advance of the Communist armies "is not far under 50,000,000."

Dr. Tong continued: "These displaced persons in almost unbelievable misery are crowding every Government controlled city. They constitute the most gigantic displaced population problem in the world today," he said.

Dr. Tong said that what is happening behind the "iron curtain" in Red controlled China is "a challenge to the conscience of the Christian world."—Reuter.

Sir Edward, as the representative of the Crown, placed the former Straits Settlements of Malacca and Penang and Province Wellesley within the Federation.

The new Federation ends the Malayan Union, created in 1946. Under it, Malayan rulers were stripped of virtually all their powers. Bitter opposition by the populace brought the new scheme into being.

A Federal Legislative Assembly of 75 members was established as the chief representative body of the new Federation. Each State also has a Legislature.

### Chinese Boycott

The associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce of Malaya have announced that they are boycotting the Legislatures until provisions of a new Constitution limiting citizenship and giving Malaya legislative majorities are rescinded.

The treaties signed soon after the war by Sir Harold Macmillan are abrogated. The Malayan rulers had protested that they were forced to become parties to the treaties against their will.—Associated Press.

## New Comet Sighted

Prague, Jan. 21. The State Observatory of Czechoslovakia has reported observing a new comet during the night of Jan. 18. The observatory described the comet as an object of the 10th astral magnitude, with increasing thickness in the centre and a short tail, moving north eastwards.—Reuter.

## "Haganah" As "Ground" For Divorce

London, Jan. 22. Mr. Harold Robert John Townsend, formerly in the Criminal Investigation Department of the Palestine Police, was granted a divorce today on the ground of desertion by his wife. He said that she was a member of the Jewish organisation "Haganah" and he thought that she married him in 1943 to get access to confidential information.—Reuter.

## EARTHQUAKE

Buenos Aires, Jan. 21. Telephone and telegraph communications were interrupted today by an earth tremor of "unusual intensity."

The tremor was felt over a wide area of Eastern Argentina.

In 1944, 2,000 people were killed when the city of San Juan was razed by an earthquake.—Reuter.

## Wants To Be Declared "A Man"

PARIS, JAN. 21. A 28-YEAR-OLD NIGHT CLUB ENTERTAINER HAS FILED WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, M. VINCENT AURIOL, AN APPLICATION TO BE REGARDED IN FUTURE AS A MAN.

M. Theodore Valensi, Paris lawyer who is dealing with the application, said today that his client first sought the President's approval, as required by law, for official recognition of the change in 1940.

The war made it impossible to proceed with the application. After the liberation M. Valensi added, his client, who had dressed as a man for several years, re-submitted the application, since tobacco rations were available only to men and shaving soap was also "on tickets." These items were now off the ration, but "the Prefecture of Police has been enforcing a law prohibiting women from masquerading as men. My client therefore wishes to be recognised officially as a man to avoid trouble if asked for identity papers."—Reuter.

Singapore, Jan. 22. Singapore was the only major port in Asia free from cholera, plague and smallpox in the week ended Jan. 8, maintaining her record as one of the healthiest cities on the continent.—Associated Press.

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## "Confessions" In Judzel "Trial"

Belgrade, Jan. 22. British and Americans were to help members of the "Judzel," described as an illegal Yugoslav terrorist and spying organisation, Ali Abdul Rachman, the first accused, told the Skopje court when the trial of Judzel members was resumed today.

The organisation got into touch with "the representative of a foreign power in Belgrade," Rachman stated, on the written recommendation of the Turkish Consul, Emil Ebey Geretli.

The prisoner said that at a meeting of the illegal organisation he was told that the Consul had ordered Judzel to "find a channel through which Albanians living in hiding could be got into Greece."

Asked in what way the terrorist organisation intended to seize power, the accused said: "Our task consisted in keeping in touch with other illegal organisations to fight with them and in case of war to attack the Yugoslav armies in the rear."

Asked what other organisation the Judzel contacted, Rachman said, Imro (illegal prewar Macedonian terrorist organisation). And who was to help you? the President of the court asked.

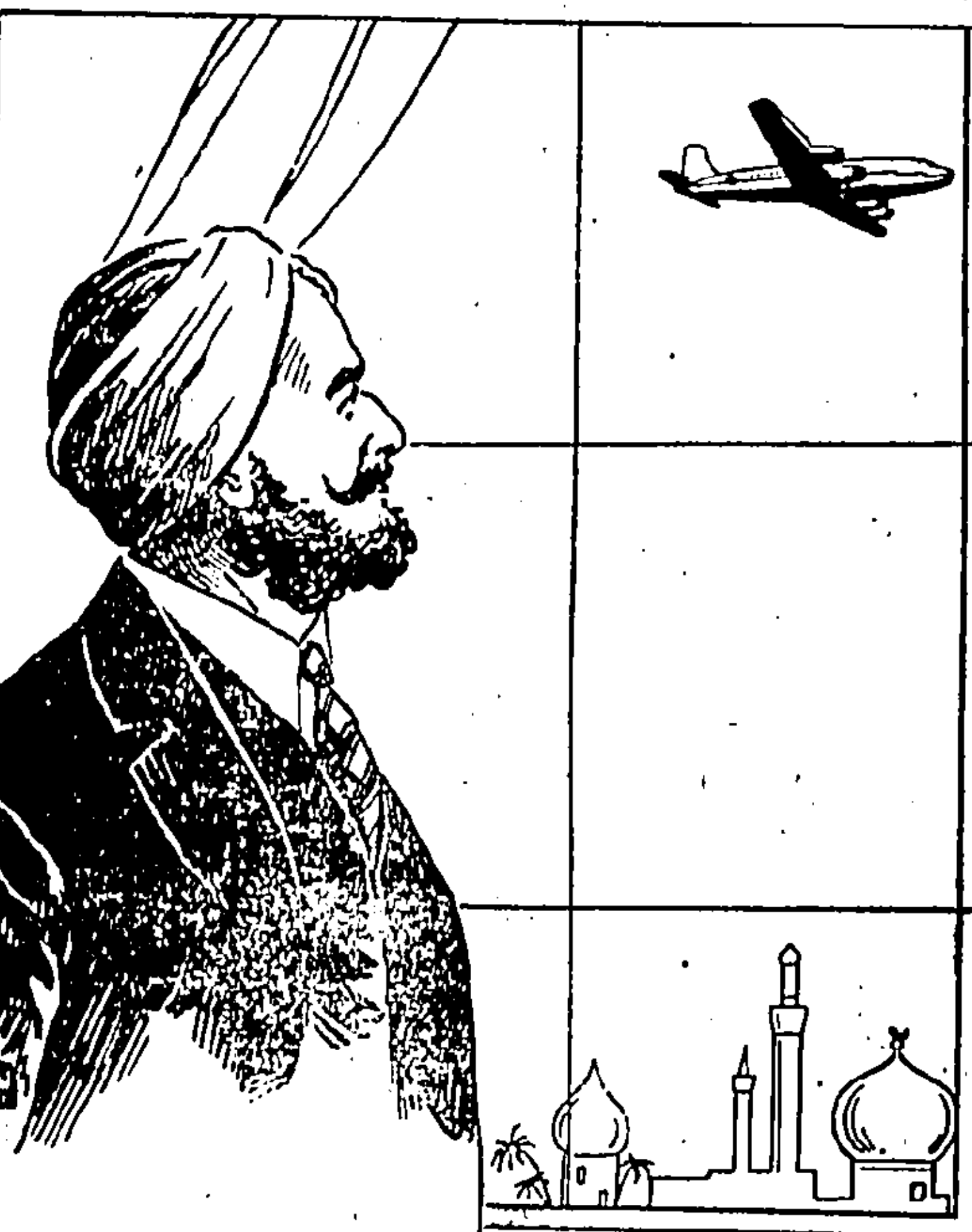
"The Anglo-Americans," Rachman said. Another accused, Suleiman Musater, charged as chief of the diversionist units of Judzel, was said to have joined the "highest government organ" of Skopje on the instructions of the Turkish Consulate and "the Belgrade representative of a foreign power" who allegedly took charge of the organisation after October 1945. Musater was charged on another count with organising an illegal network in Macedonian towns to contact Greek Royalists in Greece as well as remnants of Imro.—Reuter.

## Poles To Buy British

London, Jan. 21. A Polish purchasing mission has arrived in Britain to buy equipment and capital goods to a value of £15,000,000 under the Anglo-Polish trade agreement of June 9, 1947.

The mission, which number 40, is led by M. J. Kostzowa, of the Polish Ministry of Trade and Industry.—Reuter.

San Francisco, Jan. 21. Mr. William Randolph Hearst, noted American publisher, was reported here today to be seriously ill.—Reuter.



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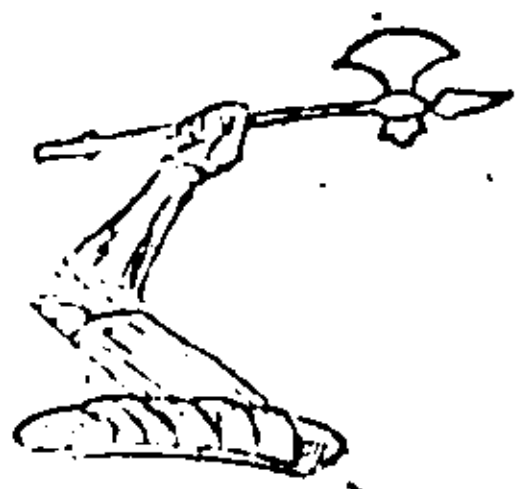
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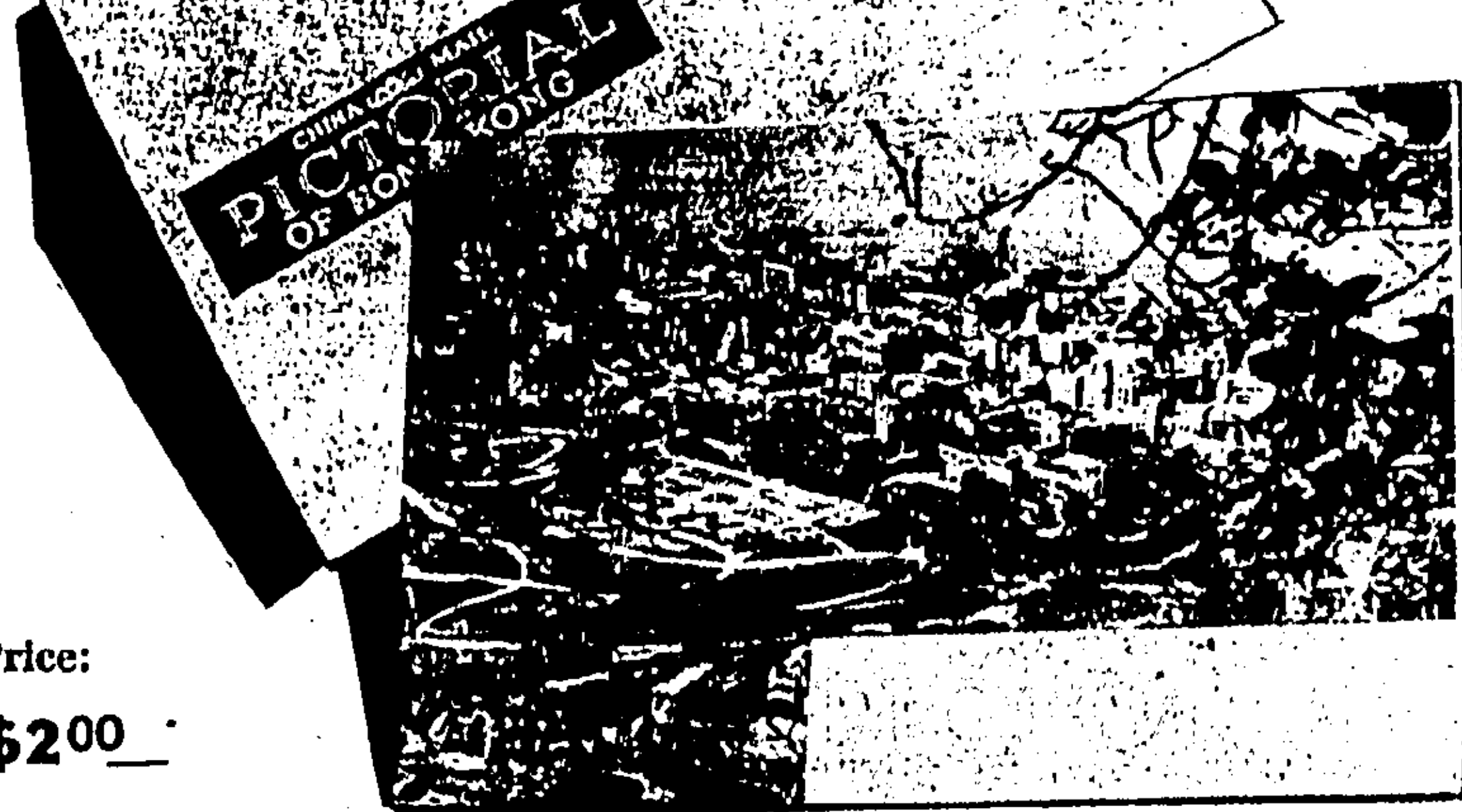
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# MORE SECRET DOCUMENTS Hitler's Conferences With Molotov On "The Splitting Of The World"

## Secret Protocol On Lithuania

Washington, Jan. 21. Hitler and the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, agreed that Soviet territorial aspirations lay "south of the Soviet Union, in the direction of the Indian Ocean." It was revealed tonight when German Foreign Office records of German-Soviet relations between 1939 and the invasion of Russia in 1941 were published by the State Department. The records cover conferences between Hitler and M. Molotov on the splitting of the world into Russian, German, Italian and Japanese spheres of influence, and discussion of the "division of the British Empire."

Subsequently, though no agreement was ever signed, M. Molotov demanded that the area south of Baku and Baku "in the general direction of the Persian Gulf" be recognised additionally as a centre of Soviet aspirations.

The State Department gave no explanation for its publication of these documents.

The British Foreign Office and the State Department had agreed to publish together, in chronological historic form, all documents captured from German archives.

In today's release, made without British cooperation, observers here saw considerable diplomatic significance in the timing, because it had been kept secret as likely to offend Russia.

### Secret Protocols

The text of various secret protocols to the treaties between Germany and Soviet Russia are given.

These include a secret additional protocol to the non-aggression pact of August, 1939, whereby the northern boundary of Lithuania was established as the boundary between the German and Soviet spheres of influence.

It provided that the question whether Poland was to be independent was to be determined later by friendly agreement, and Germany declared her political disinterestedness in South-Eastern Europe.

The documents include memoranda on Hitler's interviews with representatives of all the Axis powers, including Japan, in so far as these affected Soviet-German relations.

### Matsuoka

A memorandum of an interview between Hitler and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Matsuoka, on March 27, 1941, said: "The Führer then spoke of his conviction that England had already lost the war."

"It was only a matter of having the intelligence to admit it."

Washington, Jan. 21.

A memorandum by the State Secretary in the German Foreign Office, Baron von Weizsäcker, dated in April, 1941, that a war with Soviet Russia would give Britain new moral strength, and that a German advance even to Moscow and beyond would bring peace, but instead, would prolong the war and sacrifice the economic advantages Germany was then deriving from Soviet Russia.

Most of the material contained in the documents has been published before in one form or another, some in despatches from Germany by Allied correspondents after the collapse.

### Berlin Visit

Much of it was contained in the book "Speaking Frankly" by the former Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrne.

There was another secret protocol to the treaty of friendship of 1939 whereby Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to suppress Polish agitation against either power in their respective halves of Poland.

Baron von Weizsäcker, in his memorandum, stated: "I can summarise in one sentence my views on a German-Russian conflict: If every Russian city reduced to ashes were as valuable to us as a sunken British warship, I should advocate a German-Russian war for this summer, but I believe we would be victors over Russia only in a military sense and would lose in an economic sense."

German attempts to gain Russian participation in the Tripartite Pact came to a head with an invitation which was accepted, to M. Molotov to visit Berlin in November, 1940.

### Britain Beaten!

Hitler told the Soviet Minister of the moment "defeat of Britain" and sought creation of a coalition of Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan, "all of whom want to be satisfied out of the bankrupt British estate."

In the secret protocols, apart from Europe, Germany wished to regain her former territories in Central Africa. Italy's aspirations centred in North and North-Eastern Africa, Japan's in East Asia, and Russia's "in the direction of the Indian Ocean."

It was further agreed to try to wean Turkey away from her links with the Allies and reach an agreement with her, replacing the Montreux Convention by another giving Russia unrestricted passage through the Dardanelles.

### Never Signed

M. Molotov signified his agreement to this provided German troops were withdrawn immediately from Finland, and Germany would sign a treaty of mutual assistance with Bulgaria, and also provided that Japan would renounce her claims to coal and oil concessions in Northern Sakhalin.

This agreement was never signed, and within less than a month, Hitler issued from his headquarters a directive to staff chiefs on "Operation Barbarossa" which began: "The German armed forces must be prepared to crush Soviet Russia in a lightning campaign, even before the conclusion of the war against England."

The following weeks brought frequent Soviet expressions of concern over German troops movements in Bulgaria and Rumania.—Reuter.

## Uranium Found Down Under

Sydney, Jan. 21. Uranium ore has been discovered in a disused copper and silver mine in a remote part of New South Wales, the Sydney Morning Herald reported from Canberra today. Government experts believe the area has definite potentialities as a source of uranium, used for atomic power. The Federal Government recently offered a reward of £1,000 for the discovery of new sources of the ore in the Dominion.—Reuter.

## No Protest From London

LONDON, JAN. 21. BRITAIN WILL MAKE NO FORMAL PROTEST IN BUENOS AIRES ABOUT THE SETTING UP OF AN ARGENTINE BASE ON DECEPTION ISLAND, WHICH IS PART OF BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN STATED TONIGHT.

It was, however, assumed that representations would have been made locally by the British magazine concerned who had standing instructions to make protests against such incidents.

Deception Island is part of the Falkland Island Dependencies which, together with the Falkland Islands, are claimed as Argentine territory by the Argentine Government.

Despite this outstanding claim, the Foreign Office spokesman said relations between the nationals of the two powers in the Antarctic were at present friendly.—Reuter.

## No British Arms For Palestine Arabs

London, Jan. 21. Britain's intention to prevent arms reaching either the Jews or the Arabs in Palestine, either directly or through third parties, was reiterated by a Foreign Office spokesman today.

At a press conference, in which he was severely heckled by correspondents, he denied suggestions that the new Anglo-Iraqi treaty of 1948 implicitly recognised the intention of Iraq to supply arms to the Palestine Arabs, and facilitated such a policy by undertaking to supply British arms and equipment to the Iraq Government with the same priority as that enjoyed by the British Army.

## Soviet Gold Holdings

Washington, Jan. 22. President Harry Truman today sent Congress a report showing the Soviet Union's gold holdings are larger than any nation except the United States. The U.S. gold pile was US\$22,769,000,000 last June 30. The rest of the world had US\$14,000,000,000 in gold. Russia had US\$2,500,000,000 worth of monetary gold plus US\$50,000,000 in dollar balances in the U.S. Britain was next with gold holdings of US\$2,300,000,000. Switzerland was next with US\$1,355,000,000. The combined gold and dollar assets of the 10 European nations in the Marshall Plan programme had US\$13,650,000,000 in dollar assets and gold.—Associated Press.

## Diplomats Had Men In Their Trunks

Moscow, Jan. 21. Russia and Argentina have settled amicably the incident in which two Argentine diplomats tried to smuggle two men out of the Soviet Union in luggage trunks.

Two members of the Argentine Embassy in Moscow, Senor Pedro Conde, the Labour Attache, and Senor Cijifredo Bazan, are now being sent back to the Argentine.

While on a flight from Moscow, Senor Conde took among his luggage a large steamer trunk in which a man was concealed.

The man knocked on the trunk and asked to be let out and the aircraft was then landed at Lvov, Poland, where Customs officials questioned Senor Conde.

Originally Senor Bazan was at Moscow Airport with Senor Conde and among his luggage was another steamer trunk in which another man was concealed.

## Yokohama American Woman's Suicide

YOKOHAMA, JAN. 22. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS SAID TODAY THAT MRS. LEONARD H. LORANCE OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON D. C. DIED AFTER TAKING POISON IN A YOKOHAMA RAILWAY STATION AND THAT A JAPANESE MAN DIED AT THE SAME TIME.

Both Mrs. Lorraine, who was the wife of a United States Army sergeant stationed here, and Rokuo Mitsuhashi, Japanese artist died in the 155th Station Hospital on Tuesday shortly after being rushed from Takashima railway station.

They took poison at about 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, according to an Eighth Army announcement.

The Eighth Army and the Australian Mission in Tokyo said they believed Mrs. Lorraine was an Australian citizen.—Associated Press.

## 86 Drowned

Santiago, Jan. 21. The latest casualty list showed 86 drowned and several more missing after the capsizing of the small steamer Cautin in the Imperial River yesterday. The Cautin was an 84-ton vessel with a capacity of 100 persons, but was reported to be carrying about 350 people.—United Press.

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## RAF Units Retained In Greece

ATHENS, JAN. 22. THE BRITISH AIR OFFICE COMMANDING MIDDLE EAST HAS CANCELLED THE DEPARTURE OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONS AT PRESENT STATIONED NEAR ATHENS.

The squadrons were to have left Greece in the course of the next week or two under a re-allocation plan which has now been cancelled.

The reason for the retention of the units in Greece was not stated.

A British Air Ministry spokesman commented today that the RAF had only a training mission and a communication flight in Greece at present. No alteration in the strength of the units there was contemplated.—Reuter.

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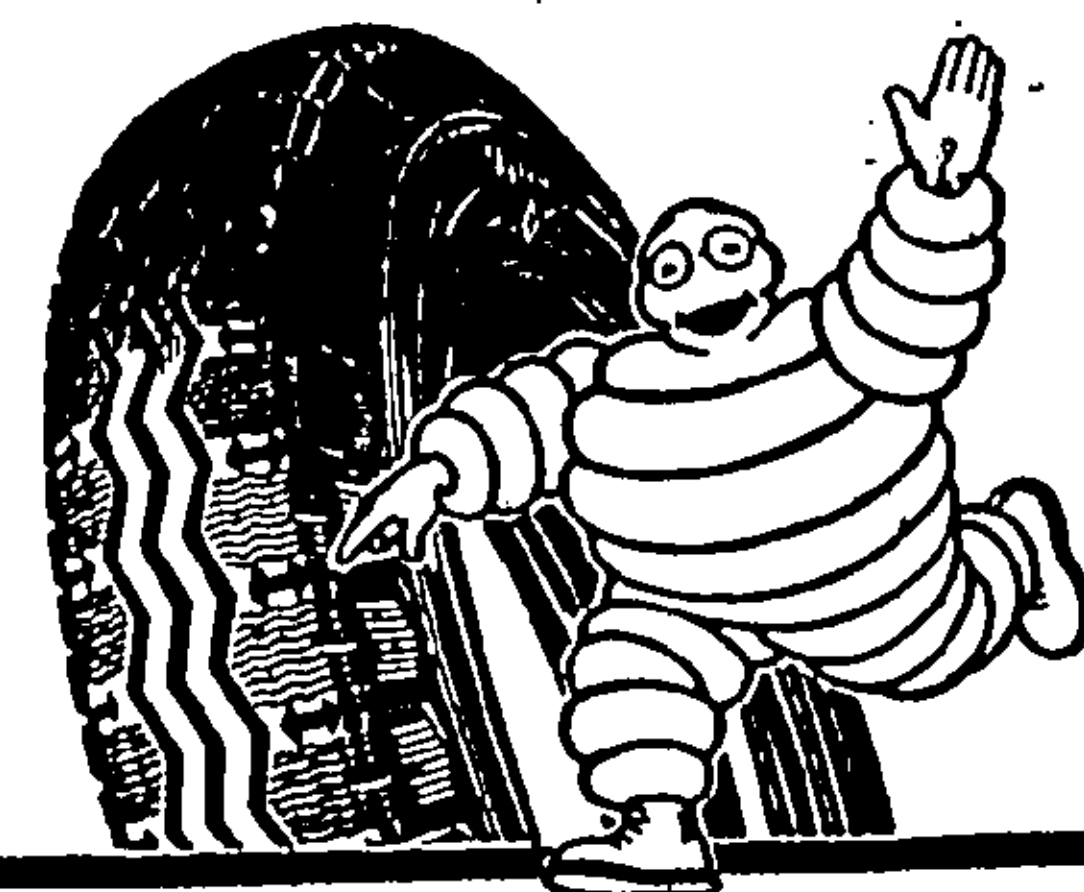
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# Scrapping 4 Battleships

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London, Jan. 21.

Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, today told Parliament that four of Britain's battleships will be scrapped during the next 12 months. The ships, the scrapping of which will mean the disappearance of some world-famous names from the Royal Navy, are Queen Elizabeth, 32,700 tons, Valiant, 31,000 tons, Nelson, 33,950 tons, and Rodney, 33,900 tons.

Disclosing the decisions at a specially convened gathering of naval correspondents earlier, Lord Hall had opened with the words: "The First Sea Lord and I feel like people taking a funeral service for a number of very old friends."

Lord Hall also announced that the 30,750-ton battle cruiser, Renown, would be scrapped, and that three modern cruisers, believed to number seven, will also be scrapped.

What the future strength of the Royal Navy will be after the scrapping is not clear, but Lord Hall told the correspondents: "We have, of course, five modern battleships which we shall retain."

They are: Duke of York, Howe, King George V, Anson (all with standard displacement of 25,000 tons) and Vanguard, 42,500 tons.

### Little Value

Lord Hall explained that the battleships to be scrapped had become more and more out of date in their armaments and fighting qualities and in the more expensive to keep in reserve in a proper state of repair.

"We have been forced to conclude that even if we could afford the manpower and money to keep them in reserve, they would be of very little value in the future," he declared.

Lord Hall, however, shook his head when asked by correspondents whether the decision was made because it was felt that battleships might be obsolete in atomic warfare.

"We still retain battleships and still think they are of great fighting value," he said.

### Official Story

The full official story of the scrappings was disclosed simultaneously in both Houses of Parliament this afternoon.

A Government statement said: "The useful life of a battleship is normally reckoned to be approximately 20 years. This period is calculated on a normal peacetime usage and is greatly reduced when the vessels are subjected to arduous war service."

"As a result of review, the Admiralty has come to the conclusion that the capital ships remaining in the Royal Navy, Queen Elizabeth, Valiant, Renown, Nelson and Rodney are likely to be at the least value as fighting ships."

"The possibility of maintaining the battleships in reserve was considered, but they would be costly to maintain in this state, both in money and manpower."

"If they were to be of any value in a future emergency, they would need extensive refits and modernisation, which, in view of the heavy cost and labour involved, could not be justified during the next few years."

"Even if the work was done, the vessels would fall considerably short of the standard and capabilities of modern construction."

"In particular, their speed could not be increased to such an extent as to render them capable of taking their place in a modern fleet."

Explaining the decision to dispose of a number of cruisers and smaller ships which were obsolete, Lord Hall said: "This action does not represent any new departure but is a continuation of the process which has been going on since hostilities ceased, under which redundant and outdated

warships have been scrapped, or sold if a market could be found. "The Admiralty is satisfied that these reductions do not reduce the effective strength of the Royal Navy below that required to meet any emergency which is likely to arise in the foreseeable future."

Last October, it was announced that the active strength of the Home Fleet would be reduced to one cruiser and four destroyers because of manpower shortages and increased release rate.

This meant that temporarily Britain had only a token fleet for defence in Home waters and that the Home Fleet was reduced to the proportions of a squadron for the first time in its history.

It is estimated that since the end of the war, the Royal Navy has been reduced by over 1,000 warships. About 450, including one battleship, have been given, sold, or lent to other navies, 163 have been scheduled for scrapping, and about 500 put to reserve.

One battleship, the 31,000-ton Warspite, now lies wrecked off the Cornish coast, where she ran aground last year on the way to a breaking up yard.—Reuter.

## SAW SERVICE IN TWO WORLD WARS

London, Jan. 21.

Two of the four battleships to be scrapped saw service in two world wars.

Queen Elizabeth was commissioned in December, 1914, and was flagship of the Eastern Mediterranean squadron in the 1914-1918 World War, taking part in the Dardanelles campaign.

The surrender of the German fleet was negotiated on board the vessel in November, 1918, when she was the flagship of Admiral Beatty, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet.

During the last World War, she was seriously damaged by human torpedoes in Alexandria Harbour in 1941, but after repairs she served against the Japanese in the Far East.

Valiant was the first battleship to be launched in the 1914 War and went undamaged through the battle of Jutland. During the last war, she served in the Mediterranean, where, like Queen Elizabeth, she was damaged by a human torpedo attack at Alexandria. After repair, she had a notable share in the campaign against Italy, both at sea and by bombarding Italian positions ashore.

### Surrender Signing

Nelson was commissioned in 1927 and Rodney was completed a few months later the same year. General Eisenhower and Marshal Badoglio signed the Italian Armistice on board Nelson at Malta in September, 1943. Two years later, at the same table on board, the surrender of the Japanese in the Penang area was signed.

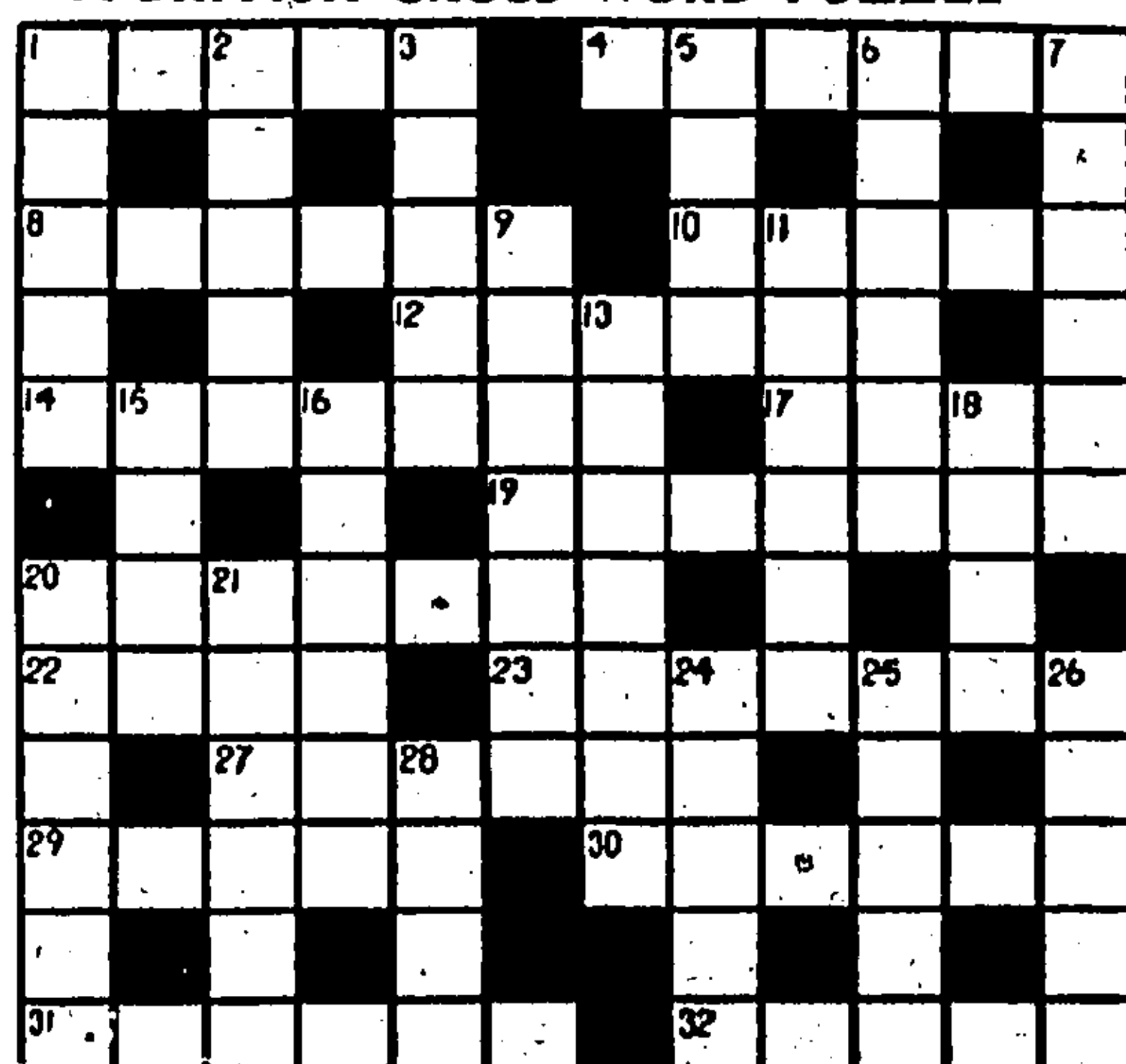
Most of Nelson's war service was in the Mediterranean, but she also took part in the bombardment preceding the Normandy landings and later fought in the Far East.

Rodney steamed 156,000 miles on war service. She was in the action against the 45,000-ton German battleship Bismarck, achieving during the chase speeds which had been thought impossible and afterwards scoring the first hit on the German vessel. She took part in the North Africa landing operations and bombarded Caen during the Normandy campaign.

The cruiser Renown, completed in 1916, took the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, on a world tour in 1920-1922.

During the last war, she served in Norwegian, Mediterranean and Far Eastern waters. She twice carried Mr. Winston Churchill on his journeys to Allied conferences—bringing him to England after talks in Canada and the United States and taking him as far as Alexandria on his way to the "Big Three" talks at Teheran.

### A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



### Clues Across

- 1 Vehicles.
- 4 Kind of energy.
- 8 Illicit trader.
- 10 Make reparation.
- 12 Extreme flight.
- 14 Sec.
- 17 Repose.
- 19 Late.
- 20 Easy.
- 22 Send out.
- 23 Walked heavily.
- 27 Alarm-bell.
- 29 Suppose.
- 30 Press chief.
- 31 Confusion.
- 32 Follow on.

### Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—3 Pleasant, 1 Avid, 9 Corporal, 11 Dispute, 13 Envy, 15 Depleted, 18 Dining, 19 Stab, 21 Diverted, 23 Concealed, 26 Bait, 27 Saluting.

### Clues Down

- 1 God of love.
- 2 Castle show.
- 3 Condition.
- 5 Rip.
- 6 Tied up.
- 7 Bring into being.
- 9 Juants.
- 11 Very hot.
- 13 Daydream.
- 15 Mosque official.
- 16 Material.
- 18 Certain.
- 20 Abandon civil.
- 21 Felt compassion for.
- 24 Excessive.
- 25 Vandal.
- 26 Mournful tune.
- 28 Dungeon.

- Down—1 Band, 2 Bias, 4 Look, 5 Alps, 6 Apron, 7 Folly, 9 Curd, 10 Rept, 12 Inert, 14 Venue, 16 Titled, 17 Dupes, 19 Backs, 20 Annual, 21 Delf, 22 Vain, 23 Trap, 24 Diet.

## Marshall Agrees With Bevin

Washington, Jan. 21.

He was in full agreement with Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, as to the seriousness of the German food situation, Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, said today.

Commenting on Mr. Bevin's personal message to him on the subject of food for Germany, Mr. Marshall, at his press conference, said he was particularly interested in Mr. Bevin's ideas about supplies of fish for Germany from the Scandinavian countries.

He added that a reply to the British Foreign Secretary was under preparation.—Reuter.

## Ship Sunk By Mine

London, Jan. 21.

Lloyds shipping intelligence reported from Copenhagen tonight that the 1,485-ton Estonian steamer Maria was sunk by a mine explosion 14 kilometres southeast of Moen, in the Baltic Sea, while on its way to Stockholm.

The crew was saved and was landed partly at Stubbekjoberg, Denmark, and partly at Trelleborg, Sweden.—Reuter.

## Iraqian Treaty Denounced

BAGDAD, JAN. 21.

THE IRAQI REGENT AND CROWN PRINCE AND POLITICAL LEADERS DECIDED AT A MEETING HERE THAT THE NEW ANGLO-IRAQI TREATY "DOES NOT REALISE THE NATIONAL AIMS OF THE COUNTRY." A ROYAL PALACE STATEMENT ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

"The Regent promised that there shall be no ratification of any treaty which does not realise the country's rights and national demands," the statement added.

The decision was reached unanimously after a five-hour meeting of the Regent and Crown Prince, Senators and leading statesmen and representatives of political parties.

The Prime Minister was recalled to Baghdad today, where he was expected to arrive within three days. He went to England, where he signed the new treaty at Plymouth last Thursday.—Reuter.

## Rhine Reopen To Shipping

Duesseldorf, Jan. 22.

The whole Rhine is now open to shipping, it was announced here today with a gap 30 metres wide having been cleared through the ruins of the provisional bridge which collapsed here during floods early this month.

Shipments from the Lower to the Upper Rhine are now possible again after nearly three weeks suspension.

In Frankfurt, the bipartite transport group announced that the extensive flooding throughout the combined Anglo-American zone during the past three weeks hampered transport so that only 40 percent of the coal earmarked for distribution had been moved.

With the floods receding the transport group hoped that 50 percent of the scheduled coal shipments could be moved before January 25.—Reuter.

## Paradise For Gold Smugglers

Sydney, Jan. 22.

Australian authorities believe Singapore is a clearing house for gold illegally exported from Australia, but they have tried without success to get a lead through the Malayan Administration, a Government source in Canberra said today.

A gold smuggling organisation is credited in Canberra with having cleared thousands of pounds from illicit activities.

The "Sydney Sun's" Canberra correspondent said: "It is believed the organisation is extensive and provides for fueling stations en route, either in Indonesia or Timor."

"Planes land in Australia, are given gold and depart" almost immediately.

"Stricter watch by police and patrol officers in the northern territory has been ordered."—Associated Press.

## Worried Over Leakages

Washington, Jan. 22.

The Defence Secretary, James Forrestal, will call a conference of the Nation's press, radio, and motion picture losses soon to discuss "unauthorized leaks" of military secrets and proposals to establish some forms of voluntary peacetime censorship.

Capt. Robert Berry, Naval officer serving as Forrestal's press chief, said the problem was what might be done about it. He said: "If they want a voluntary programme we can go ahead with it, otherwise we will throw the whole thing into the waste basket."—United Press.

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"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	27th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	28th Feb.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K.	10th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	11th Mar.

#### SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	22nd Jan.
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"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	28th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	2nd Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits & Continent	13th Mar.
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"ORMARA"	Bombay via Straits	25th Jan.
"OZARDA"	Bombay via Straits	2nd Feb.

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### ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Strait	10th Mar.

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"NANCHANG" ..... Swatow & Singapore 1 p.m. 26th Jan.  
"SZECHUEN" ..... Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon 3 p.m. 28th Jan.  
"FENGTEI" ..... Spore, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar 7 a.m. 29th Jan.  
"NINGHAI" ..... Saigon & Singapore 4 p.m. 29th Jan.  
"HUPEH" ..... Amoy, Fouchow, Shanghai & Tientsin 5 p.m. 31st Jan.

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"TSINAN" ..... Swatow a.m. 23rd Jan.  
"HANYANG" ..... Shanghai 23rd Jan.  
"NANCHANG" ..... Kobe 6 p.m. 23rd Jan.  
"SZECHUEN" ..... Singapore 8 p.m. 23rd Jan.  
"FENGTEI" ..... Tientsin, Shanghai & Fouchow 26th Jan.  
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K. Whf.  
Pacific (J.C.P.L.) from U.S.A., L.C.K.  
Pres. McKinley (A.P.L.) from Cebu  
K. Whf.  
No. 20 (Jardine) from Calcutta  
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General (J.C.P.L.) from London, via  
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Admiral (De La Rama) from Atlantic  
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Singapore via Bangkok  
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Manila:  
Jan. 22, Cathay Pacific, 12.30  
p.m.  
Canton (P. & O.) from U.K., Feb. 10  
p.m.  
Christian (J.C.P.L.) from Europe...  
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Glenartney (Jardine) from London, via  
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Manila:  
Jan. 23, HK Airways (Capt. Staples)  
Singapore via Bangkok:  
Jan. 23, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.  
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9.30 a.m.  
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Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi),  
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Chungking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30  
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3 p.m.  
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U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m.  
(Ord.) 10 a.m.  
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Han-  
kow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m.  
(Ord.) 3.30 p.m.  
Airmail for Swatow; Airmail for Tai-  
wan and Amoy, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30  
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Kowloon, 4 p.m.  
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## SUNDAY, JAN. 25

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vao, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland,  
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Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Shanghai,  
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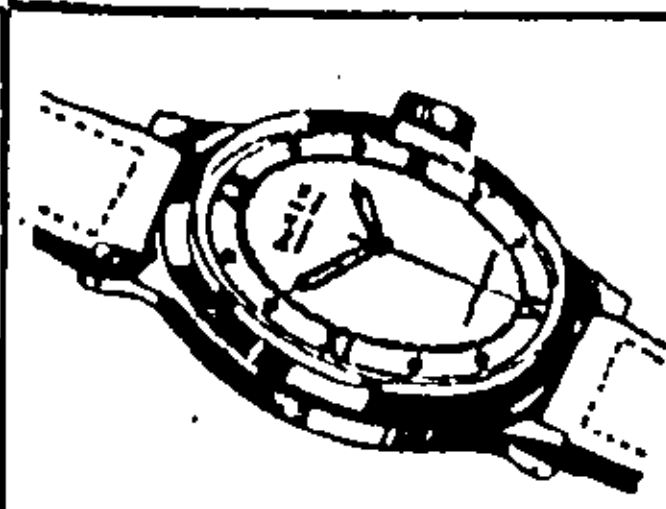
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## SOCCER TRIAL GAMES

### GANDHI ASKS COMPASSION FOR YOUTH

New Delhi, Jan. 21. Mahatma Gandhi offered today to the young men of India his prayer for their future. He said that the young men of India were the future of the country and that he was asking for their compassion for the youth.

### How The Jockeys Fared

Winning jockeys of the first three days of the Annual Race Meeting were:

Jockey	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Shack, W. K.	1	2	3	4
Noble, V. V.	1	2	3	4
Black, Donald	1	2	3	4
Bodley, L. A.	1	2	3	4
Baycott, M. M.	1	2	3	4
Fung Man Wa	1	2	3	4
Kwok, K.	1	2	3	4
Tang, S. W.	1	2	3	4
Ostrumoff, A.	1	2	3	4
Choi, F.	1	2	3	4
Holliman, H. M. R.	1	2	3	4
Freng, Blue Sun	1	2	3	4
Lee, B. L.	1	2	3	4
Lee, S. W.	1	2	3	4
Chanson, H. P.	1	2	3	4
Yuen, S. L.	1	2	3	4
Liang, S. C.	1	2	3	4
Sepulveda, E. A.	1	2	3	4

### IMPORTANT WINS

Hong Kong Derby - L. A. Bodley.  
Ladies' Purse and P. & O. Cup - M. M. Baycott.  
Trial Plate and Chateaux Cup - W. K. Shack.

### AUSSIES WIN IN FRANCE

Toulon, Jan. 21. The Australian Rugby Union team defeated the Racing Club of Toulon by 16 points to five here today. The Australians led 9-0 at half time.

## Development Bill Passes Commons

London, Jan. 22. The reassembled House of Commons has made a brisk start by passing the Overseas Development Bill after disposing of few amendments. The Secretary of State for the Colonies took the opportunity to make clearer the purposes and effects of this measure.

Doubts were expressed during the debate whether colonial opinion is quite satisfied that the Bill will be used for the benefit of the colonies and whether the needs of the colonies and Western Europe will not prevail over essential development and requirements of the Colonial Peoples themselves.

Mr. Creech Jones asserted the imperative need to develop colonial resources for the benefit of the colonies and to go forward in attaining these standards in higher social conditions and services which they demand.

The Bill will help make their economy more stable and will encourage enterprise and increase the number of activities possible in colonies. At the same time it will minister to the needs of Europe and Britain in the particular. Arising out of it the Secretary of State thought "there will be closer integration of economic interests because of the mutual benefit which operation this Bill will bring."

## Selecting China Olympic Team

Chinese football teams from overseas will converge on Hong Kong next month to take part in a series of trial games for the selection of China's Olympic soccer team.

In a press conference recently in Shanghai, Dr. C. C. Yung, Chairman of the Football Committee of the Shanghai Athletic Federation, revealed that Chinese footballers from Hong Kong, Saigon, Singapore, Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies will take part in the Olympic trials in Hong Kong.

These trials will be held after the conclusion of the Hong Kong Shanghai Interport series, which will also serve as a try-out.

Dr. Yung recently paid a visit to Hong Kong, on behalf of the S.A.F., to discuss with the Hong Kong Chinese Athletic Federation the qualifications on which will be based the selection of China's Olympic soccer representatives.

Sportsmanship and discipline were considered the prime requisites of an Olympic representative, after which came youth and the willingness to

## Guide To Ponies' Form

The following times, clocked during the first three days of the current Racing Carnival, are published for the guidance of punters:

Half a Mile - 51.4 sec. - Liberation Star (152); Rasher (147) and Boom Town (147).  
From the 1/2 Mile Post - 1:02.0 - Black Market (147); 1:02.2 - Chessboard (147); 1:02.2 - Solphur (147).  
Six Furlongs - 1:16.0 - Cooper (135); 1:20.0 - Golden Dragon (159); 1:20.0 - Desire (147); 1:20.4 - Larkspur Lad (149); 1:20.4 - Panda (147); 1:20.4 - Jakkal (147); 1:20.4 - Meier (147); 1:20.4 - Bonanza Day (147); 1:20.4 - Blue Ribbon (147); 1:20.4 - Battlefield (147).

One Mile - 1:43.4 - Norse Queen (199); 1:49.4 - Larkspur Lad (149); 1:50.0 - Panda (147); 1:50.2 - Jakkal (147); 1:50.2 - Meier (147); 1:51.0 - Bonanza Day (147); 1:52.2 - Blue Ribbon (147); 1:53.5 - Battlefield (147).  
From the 2 Mile Post - 2:00.0 - Blue Ribbon (147); 2:02.4 - City of Brisbane (147); 2:02.2 - Souvenir (149); 2:02.4 - Larkspur Lad (149); 2:03.5 - Rasher (147); 2:03.5 - Meier (147); 2:03.5 - Bonanza Day (147); 2:03.5 - Blue Ribbon (147); 2:03.5 - Battlefield (147).  
2 1/2 Miles - 2:45.2 - Fifth Alarm (148); 2:42.3 - Lightning (147); 2:42.2 - Souvenir (147); 2:42.2 - Norse Princess (147). (Note: Norse Queen (199) clocked in at 2:49.3 in the Champions last year.)  
3 Miles (Derby course) - 2:44.2 - Araman (147); 2:47.0 - Norse Queen (149) in 1947.

### Selected Teams

Two selected teams picked from Shanghai, Hong Kong and overseas Chinese players will take part in the final tryout in Hong Kong, which part was found more suitable than Shanghai, North, Central and West China forfeited their right to take part in the trials as they failed to send any players to Shanghai to compete in the district tryout, which the S.A.F. conducted with the authorization of the National Athletic Federation.

All Olympic trials in the Colony will be conducted by the Hong Kong Chinese Athletic Federation.

Dr. C. C. Yung, Messrs. George Chow and H. T. Yu of Shanghai, and Messrs. Lee Wai-tung and K. K. Wang of Hong Kong are the members of the selection committee.

While at Hong Kong, Dr. Yung also reached an agreement with Mr. Skinner, chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association, that interport regulations should revert to their pre-war nature. Under the old regulations, the visiting team paid its own travelling expenses while the home team provided board, lodging and entertainment.

The last arrangement, whereby the visiting Hong Kong team received forty per cent. of the gate receipts, was not satisfactory as it tended to place football on a commercial basis, Dr. Yung said.

## V.R.C. Lose Badminton

Chung Wah, playing at home, beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 7 games to 2 in a Badminton League match.

C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah):	
beat W. Lawrence and D. Aquino (V.R.C.)	23-20
beat M. Soares and S. Leonard (V.R.C.)	21-16
lost to W. C. Choy and H. Noronha (V.R.C.)	18-21
K. F. Chiu and Austin Ho (Chung Wah):	
beat W. Lawrence and D. Aquino (V.R.C.)	21-14
beat M. Soares and S. Leonard (V.R.C.)	21-12
beat W. C. Choy and H. Noronha (V.R.C.)	21-18
P. C. Leung and Leo Leong (Chung Wah):	
beat W. Lawrence and D. Aquino (V.R.C.)	21-9
beat M. Soares and S. Leonard (V.R.C.)	21-9
lost to W. C. Choy and H. Noronha (V.R.C.)	14-21

### C.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent C.C.C. at cricket against I.R.C. on Home ground on Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp.

G. Hong Choy (Captain), S. Ramchand, R. R. France, P. J. Billimoria, E. A. Lee, K. Y. Tam, R. O. Baker, J. P. Taul, L. Wong, A. H. Ismail, C. S. Carr. Reserve: I. M. Omar.

Hamburg, Jan. 22. The trial of fourteen former German Generals, including Field Marshal George von Kuechler, Field Marshal Wilhelm Ritter von Leeb, and Admiral Otto Schniewind, former Commander-in-Chief of the German fleet, will open in Nuremberg on Jan. 26. All are accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity.



Peter Anderson of Newcastle, one of the Newcastle supporters who watched the match against Charlton Athletic in London on Jan. 10, is seen wearing a striking striped shirt and topper as his home team's mascot. (A.P. Photo).

## Schools Football:

## ST. STEPHEN'S PROVIDE A BIG SURPRISE

In the Senior Schools League St. Stephen's provided the surprise of the day by defeating Queen's College by the only goal of the game. Queen's usually strong going forward line evidently were missing the support of Sin Kwok Choi, kept out of the side by injury.

They never settled to their usual game and were thwarted again and again by the fast and hard tackling of the St. Stephen's defence.

St. Stephen's who must be one of the most improved of the school teams have developed into a go ahead fast team who should do well if they continue to play the type of football which lowered Queen's colours for the first time this season.

On the same ground St. Paul's scored their first points by decisively beating a bigger team in E.K.P.M. School. Speed was the main factor in their victory as though smaller they were a quicker team all round and smarter on the ball.

In addition they obviously knew that the best way to get goals is to shoot and keep on shooting.

In the Junior League competition in both A and B divisions remain close. Wah Yan gained a useful 2 points over the A.C.P.M. School and league placings remain much as before.

Yau-mat continue on their winning way in the Kwongloon section.

Next week I hope to publish the league including all games played up till Jan. 25.

## Turkey's Control Of Dardanelles

London, Jan. 22. Britain's wartime Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, declared here today that in his view Turkey should continue to be responsible for the defence and control of the Black Sea Straits.

Britain could not agree, he said, to last year's Soviet proposal for joint Russo-Turkish defence of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus.

Lecturing here on the question of a revision of the Montreux Convention, Sir Hugh said that Britain could not agree either to the other Russian proposal that a new regime should be elaborated by the Black Sea powers only.

This, he said, "would break with the principle whereby, for the last century and a half, non-Black Sea powers who are interested have had a voice in the matter."

## SOFTBALL STATISTICS

## Wildcat Catcher Still On Top

(By "Grandstand")

Our local Queens of Swat, with the exception of Wildcat receiver Effie Babida, who still remains on top of the pile, took a terrific nose-dive during the last two weeks as both Celly Gutters of the Aces and Hilda Soares of the Green Owls failed to come through in their last eight batting attempts, to drop right out of the 400 circle.

On the other hand, Aces center-felder Melvie Soares has been pasted on the bat by the opposition to edge her way right past Celly Hilda to threaten Sultana Babida - all she needs is just one more safety to claim possession of the top-rung.

For the statistical minded and ball-seasoners, here is the latest dope on batting performances:

Player	At Bat	Runs	Hits	Pct.
Effie Babida	5	10	9	.474
Melvie Soares	4	13	6	.461
Celly Gutters	6	21	8	.381
Hilda Soares	6	27	1	.370
Terese Hamilton	6	22	8	.364
Citelle Guan	6	28	10	.357
Terese Hamilton	5	21	7	.353
Ullian Khoo	6	24	8	.333
Joan Leung	6	25	8	.320
Allice Mar	6	26	8	.325
Peggy Harris	5	19	6	.316

Hovering just on the rim of this circle with intentions of joining their swarming sister are Margie Xavier (296), Aida Castro (296) and Celly Winglee (292). Let's see if you can get into this select company in your next try!

Now we know anything can happen at a ball-park! Your scribe thought he had seen everything, but, No! Ball fans last Sunday afternoon at the Herts-Candianes fracas witnessed for the first time on these, or any other shores, a female catcher working behind the plate garbed in full afternoon frock, complete down to nylon-socks.

## Not A Stunt

This was not a stunt, but it just happened that Canuck Chief Bill Woon wanted a cushion behind the platter - it was a case of the catcher, no team - and when the Bee called him to select anyone from the fair spectators on hand to take over duties, one "leedy" laid off actually take the three, and what's more did a fine job - she did mention afterwards that her main objective was catching behind the plate.

Bill has great plans for her, but unfortunately she is at the moment signed up for another outfit in a first line substitute capacity. All Bill needs is a release for her, so better work fast fella. You can't field a team of seven every time and get away with it.

This little affair would be fuel for the hot story when that season begins, but unfortunately, "Little Spectator" is a friend.

## U.N. Discussion Of Press Freedom

Lake Success, Jan. 22. The United Nations sub-commission planning to define the rights and obligations of a free press ran into complaints today that the proposed definitions were too loose.

It set up a drafting committee to work out a clearer version after it had junked, at least temporarily, a clause that "there shall be equal access to all channels of communications."

Mr. Archibald MacKenzie, of Great Britain, led the attack on this clause, supported by Mr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart, of Belgium, who said the proviso was too ambiguous. For instance, it might indicate that every person had the right to operate his own radio station.

Mr. MacKenzie said the clause was unnecessary because the concept of equal access to communications was included in another section to be discussed later.

Mr. J. M. Lomakin, of Russia, protested that several clauses were not precise. A nation granting freedom to the press would find it difficult to discriminate against some individuals such as criminals.

Mr. Zachariah L. Chafetz, of the United States, replied that Mr. Lomakin touched the fundamental point - the close link between freedom and responsibility.

He argued for this American-inspired statement: "Every one has the right to freedom of information, speech and expression; to freedom of religion, conscience and belief; to freedom of assembly and association; and freedom to petition his government and the United Nations."

## WEST INDIES TEST

Bridgeport, Jan. 21. The West Indies had scored 244 for three wickets by the close of play today in their first innings against England in the first of a two-day Test which began here today. Test which began here today. Test which began here today.

## JOE LOUIS BREAKS A RECORD

New York, Jan. 21. Joe Louis, reigning as heavyweight boxing champion of the world, became the longest in history today. Louis won the title from Jim Braddock on June 22, 1937 - ten years and 213 days ago. L. Sullivan previously held the title longest - ten years and 212 days. - Associated Press.

## Pauley Made A Million

WASHINGTON, JAN. 22. MR. EDWIN PAULEY'S OWN STORY OF PROFITS "HONESTLY AND HONOURABLY MADE" IN COMMODITY SPECULATION WAS PUBLISHED TODAY BY SENATE INVESTIGATORS.

In a letter to the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee, Mr. Pauley said his market operations were successful but they had not been based on any inside information. He had made nearly \$500,000 since the war ended, but he said "it is a story of profit honestly and honourably made, legally, ethically and in the American tradition."

The West Coast millionaire, former Treasurer of the National Democratic Committee and at present special assistant to the Army Secretary (Mr. Kenneth Royall) asked the Senators: "See that I am vindicated."

He said he was convinced for the past three years on the basis of information available to anyone, that prices could only go higher and he had made his investment accordingly. - United Press.

## Boy Scout Bazaar

Preparations are in full swing for the forthcoming Boy Scout Bazaar to be opened by H.E. the Governor at 2.30 p.m. this Saturday. Many thousands of entrance tickets at 50 cents each have already been sold by the Scouts themselves.

Friends and well-wishers who wish to avoid the rush at the gate may obtain them at Tsang Model 2048, valued at \$385, presented by Messrs. Dennis & Co., Ltd. specially for the occasion. There will be 10 other prizes as listed below:

2nd 1 Air Round Trip (Cathay Pacific Airways to Macao); 3rd 1 Hot Plate (E. Ott & Co.); 4th 1 Electric Heater (Agnew & Meyer); 5th 1 Electric Heater (Anderson Meyer); 6th 1 Raincoat (U. Spangler & Co.); 7th 1 Box Camera (Eastman Kodak); 8th 1 Box Camera (Eastman Kodak); 9th to 20th each one complimentary ticket for two persons to Lee Theatre presented by International Entertainment Enterprises, Ltd.

These prizes are now on view at the show-window at Tsang Fook.

## Sweeping GOP Victory Predicted

Washington, Jan. 22. The chairman of the Republican National Committee, Mr. Carroll Reece, today predicted a sweeping Republican victory in the November elections and promised an early end to the "crisis government."

Mr. Reece said the bill-nations dollar asked by the administration for foreign aid would never have been necessary except for the "infamous alliance" between the Democratic Party and the Communists.

Addressing the opening business session of the selection of the Republican Presidential nominee, he said that the candidate "whoever he may be" will ride to victory.

Those willing to discuss candidates even privately disagreed on the outlook for supporters of General Eisenhower and MacArthur. Some expected the boom in both candidates to die down by June, convention time. Others